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Hours after Mamata Banerjee appears in an advocate's attire before Calcutta HC, **BCI asks West Bengal Bar Council to furnish details of her enrolment as an advocate**, whether licence to practise was kept suspended during her tenure as CM and date of its revival, P 10

Football World Cup final will feature a star-studded halftime show headlined by Madonna, Shakira and BTS. Fifa has announced that, for the first time, the final at Metlife Stadium in New Jersey on July 19 will include a Super Bowl-style concert, P 18

UK health secretary Wes Streeting resigns from Cabinet, declaring that he has lost confidence in the leadership of embattled Prime Minister Keir Starmer

Lucknow bench of Allahabad HC directs **CBI and ED to probe alleged disproportionate assets of Cong MP and leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi**, and submit a report on the progress of the inquiry on July 20, P 14

Lucky escape for 10 babies in Nagpur hosp fire

Ten babies had a miraculous escape on Wednesday after a smoke-and-fire incident in the out-born section of the Sick Newborn Care Unit at Nagpur's Daga Memorial Govt Women's Hospital, triggering panic in the neonatal ward. Sources alleged the hospital administration did not inform senior health authorities about the fire for about 24 hours. TNN

Nat'l song must in all Bengal schools

Bengal govt has made the singing of 'Vande Mataram' mandatory in state-run schools. CM Suvendu Adhikari urged private schools to follow suit. The previous govt had introduced state song 'Banglar Mati Banglar Jol' to be sung along with national anthem in schools. TNN

NIA charges 10 in Red Fort blast case

NIA has filed a chargesheet against 10 people linked to the car bomb explosion near Red Fort on Nov 10, 2025. It states that the accused, associated with an offshoot of al-Qaida, launched 'Op Heavenly Hind' to overthrow govt and impose Sharia law in India. TNN

AI lost ₹26,000cr in 2025-26: Partner SIA

Singapore Airlines, a 25.1% stakeholder in Air India, on Thursday disclosed that AI lost $2.8 billion (over Rs 26,000 crore) in 2025-26. Due to that, SIA's net profit plunged 57.4% to $930 million. Despite the setback, SIA reiterated its commitment to the partnership. P 15

10-day Kerala stand-off ends as Satheesan is named CM

Congress Brass Finally Bows To Public Sentiment

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Thiruvananthapuram: Bringing an end to 10 days of uncertainty, lobbying and factional negotiations, Congress' leadership on Thursday named V D Satheesan as the next chief minister of Kerala, signalling that public sentiment and coalition compulsions ultimately outweighed internal party equations.

Satheesan, who claims to represent the real Nehruvian Left, had strong backing from the public and UDF constituent parties, especially Indian Union Muslim League (IUML). Satheesan and his council of ministers will take the oath of office on Monday at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram, a venue chosen to allow greater public participation. CMs from Congress-governed states and AICC members are expected to attend. Satheesan met governor Rajendra Arlekar at Lok Bhavan on Thursday night and formally staked claim to form govt.

AICC general secretary in charge of Kerala Deepa Dasmunsi made the announcement in New Delhi after hours of discussions involving senior Congress politicians. The choice came despite strong resistance from AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal, who remained a formidable contender for the post until the final stages of deliberations.

Dasmunsi acknowledged that Venugopal enjoyed stronger numerical backing within the CLP, but the party considered broader political factors while selecting Satheesan.

▶ 'Big responsibility', P 14

MAKING OF VD: COURTROOM TO CM

- Sociology graduate; law postgraduate and **lawyer by training**
- Made electoral debut with a loss to CPM candidate in 1996, **returned to win the North Paravur seat 6 times**
- Defied party line to back Madhav Gadgil report on Western Ghats, **earning the tag of 'green MLA'**
- An **Orhan Pamuk admirer** and avid reader on macroeconomics
- He had **vowed to take political exile** if UDF failed to come to office

Photo: PTI

VD Satheesan outlasted his rivals in a crowded three-way CM race

What turned the tide: Late-night chat, allies' push

New Delhi: After Rahul Gandhi met former Kerala Congress presidents and leaders Tuesday, one crucial cog of the party alumni saw him late at 10pm at 10, Janpath. A known voice in favour of VD Satheesan, former state Congress chief VM Sudheeran was the last man the Gandhi scion is learnt to have heard as part of enlarged consultations to arrive at the CM pick, **reports Subodh Ghildiyal**. On Wednesday, Sudheeran stressed the need to decide the CM in sync with "public sentiments". A few hours further down, Rahul held his final consultation with AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge where the decision was finalised, though kept under wraps.

▶ Priyanka in meeting, P 11

NEET leak probe: CBI sleuths zero in on potential 'insider role'

Rajshekhar Jha & Hemali chhapia

New Delhi/Mumbai: CBI has significantly widened its NEET-UG-2026 question paper leak probe, with investigators now focused on a potential "insider role" even as one more suspect was arrested from Pune and a retired chemistry professor detained in Latur.

As the total arrests went up to seven, sources said the investigators were trying to ascertain if the breach originated from within the high-security, core chain of custody and access before the May 3 medical entrance exam was cancelled over the leak.

CBI sleuths are seeking information from National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts NEET, about every stakeholder who had access to the question paper before it was sealed. This includes information about people who set questions and subject experts, professors and teachers who were in the panel that prepared the questions, besides details of the entire process of preparing questions.

IANS

CBI produces the leak accused before the Rouse Avenue Court

Focus on family with several doing MBBS

The NEET-UG 2026 paper leak probe has cast a shadow over the entire Biwal family of Jaipur after sleuths found multiple members, all linked to three arrested by CBI, secured admission to medical colleges and are currently pursuing MBBS courses in Rajasthan and other states. P 14

Separately, Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan held a high-level meeting at his Delhi residence late Thursday with top officials for the fresh NEET test whose dates will be announced subsequently.

▶ Larger conspiracy, P 14

Taiwan row may lead to conflict, Xi warns Trump

China's President Xi Jinping warned visiting US President Donald Trump on Thursday that mishandling the countries' disagreements over Taiwan could push ties to "a very dangerous place", as the two leaders met for a closely watched summit.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who is with Trump in China, confirmed to NBC News that the issue of Taiwan was discussed, saying the Chinese "always raise it on their side, we always make clear our position and we move on to the other topics".

The US summary of the talks focused on the leaders' shared desire to reopen Strait of Hormuz and Xi's apparent interest in buying US oil to reduce China's dependence on Middle East. Inside jacket

US justice dept, SEC likely to drop cases against Adani: Reports

Chidanand Rajghatta & Agencies

Washington: US authorities are likely to drop fraud charges against billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani and settle a parallel civil case, according to reports by Bloomberg and New York Times.

People familiar with the matter were cited as saying the US department of justice may announce as early as this week that it is dropping criminal charges filed in 2024 against Adani and associates over an alleged $250 million bribery scheme tied to solar energy contracts in India.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission is reportedly moving to settle its parallel civil fraud action, likely involving monetary penalties rather than criminal prosecution.

The Adani Group has denied all allegations.

▶ Threw in a sweetener, P15

INVESTMENT VOW

- NYT reports that Adani's lawyer told prosecutors that if they dropped the charges, **Adani would be willing to invest $10bn in US**, echoing pledge he made in 2024 after Trump re-election
- According to Bloomberg, group recently discussed **plans to triple that pledge to $30bn**

Govt bans sugar exports to boost domestic availability

New Delhi: The Centre has banned export of sugar till Sept 30 with immediate effect, a move aimed at enhancing domestic availability and preventing any price rise. Earlier, the exports were under a restricted category, under which a licence was required for outbound shipments.

"The export policy of sugar (raw sugar, white sugar and refined sugar)... is amended from 'restricted' to 'prohibited'," the directorate general of foreign trade said. India's sugar production rose 7.3% to 275 lakh tonnes till April in the 2025-26 season, driven by higher output in sugar states Karnataka and Maharashtra. TNN

> Factories in Karnataka are yet to pay ₹2,000 crore to farmers in 2025-26. They have delayed the payment, saying they weren't able to sell the produce. As per law, they must pay us within 14 days, but delays run into months
>
> **Kurubur Shanthakumar** | KARNATAKA FARMER LEADER

▶ Exports to EU & US, P 14

117 die as storms lash UP with cyclone-like 130kmph winds

Lucknow: At least 117 people died Wednesday across UP in lethal thunderstorms that left a trail of destruction, unleashing lightning strikes and cyclone-like winds of up to 130kmph — unheard of in recent memory in the state.

According to data by relief commissioner's office, 113 people died in the destruction wrought by the high-speed storms and collapsing structures, while four lost their lives in lightning strikes. The disaster, which unfolded Wednesday afternoon, also left 79 people injured, killed at least 177 animals and destroyed 330 houses across several districts.

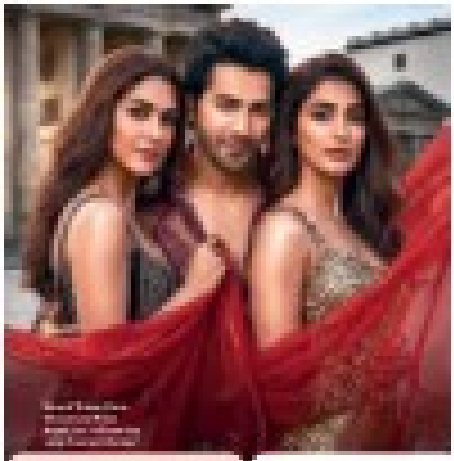
Videograb shows a Bareilly man being flung 50ft in air after a tin shed he was holding onto got blown away in a storm. He survived with broken bones

▶ Relief announced, P 10

Bangalore Times

'A father's bond with the baby begins nine months after the mother's'

Court grants relief to Puja, Tips calls claims 'malicious'



What happened

Court order deepens Puja-Tips ill-chapter

VOICES

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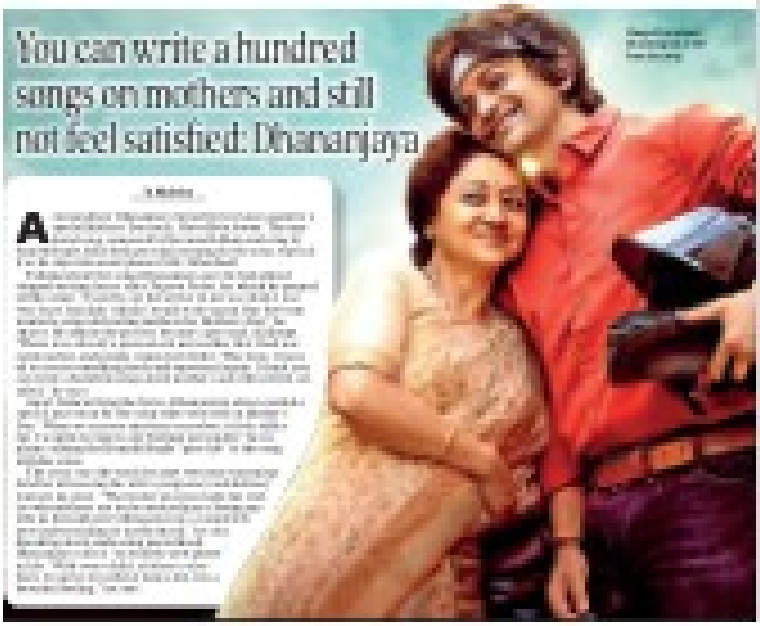
You can write a hundred songs on mothers and still not feel satisfied: Dhananjaya



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Forgotten markscard sparks 40-y theft & pension fight

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Bengaluru: A class VII markscard left behind in a govt office in 1982 sparked a bizarre four-decade-old saga of identity theft, secret extortion pacts and a village court settlement that finally crumbled over a pension dispute.

In 1982, M Rachaiah of Malavalli in Mandya district travelled to the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) office in Shivamogga to apply for a lineman's position. He carried his class VII markscard, the minimum qualification required for the job. However, KEB abruptly cancelled the interviews. Disappointed, Rachaiah returned to his village to pursue farming, accidentally leaving his academic certificate behind at the govt office.

Shortly after, Bommegowda N of Nagamangala visited the same Shivamogga KEB office looking for work. He discovered Rachaiah's abandoned markscard. Sensing an opportunity, Bommegowda assumed Rachaiah's identity and applied for the vacant lineman's post. KEB hired him on a temporary basis, knowing him only as "Rachaiah from Malavalli".

By 1992, state govt regularised his service. Over the next decade, the imposter climbed the ranks, earning multiple promotions under his stolen name.

Bommegowda becomes Bommegowda

In 2003, Bommegowda executed a bold legal manoeuvre to reclaim his true identity. He approached a local court pretending to be Rachaiah M, filed an affidavit stating he was changing his name to Bommegowda N, and successfully altered his official service records. The scam ran smoothly until 2019, when the real Rachaiah discovered that someone had been using his credentials for decades. Tracking the paper trail to Shivamogga, Rachaiah confronted Bommegowda.

Village settlement

Instead of involving law enforcement, the news reached Malavalli village, where local elders organised an informal court and brokered a secret financial agreement: Bommegowda could keep his job and avoid jail. In exchange, Bommegowda had to pay Rachaiah Rs 2-3 lakh annually, starting from 2019. In 2022, Bommegowda retired as a senior mechanic after 40 years of service. He received a lump-sum retirement benefit of Rs 10 lakh. Mediated by a retired Bescom executive engineer named Subhash, Bommegowda handed over the entire Rs 10 lakh gratuity payout to Rachaiah to keep him quiet.

GREED BREAKS THE PACT

The peace pact between Bommegowda and Rachaiah shattered in 2024. Rachaiah demanded a 50:50 monthly split of Bommegowda's Rs 65,224 monthly govt pension.

Bommegowda

Rachaiah

When Bommegowda refused to share his monthly pension, Rachaiah filed a formal complaint with Bescom vigilance wing, which launched an inquiry, verified the 40-year impersonation timeline, and confirmed the fraud.

The department has now handed over the matter to Rajajinagar police, which filed a criminal case against the imposter.

DCP North BS Nemagoud told **TOI** that as of now, police have registered a criminal case against Bommegowda, Rachaiah and retired engineer Subhash.

"Bescom vigilance squad has carried out preliminary investigation and submitted a detailed report. We have to carry out the probe from basic enquiries like why there was no background verification done while appointing Bommegowda and so on," he said.

UNRAVELLING THE FRAUD

1982 | Rachaiah leaves markscard; Bommegowda steals identity to secure KEB job

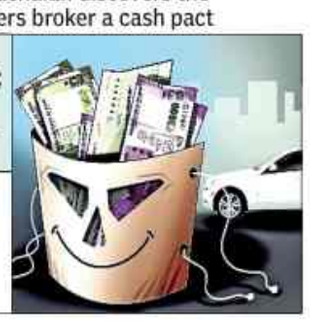
1992 | Govt regularises Bommegowda's service under false identity

2003 | Bommegowda legally changes his name back via court affidavit

2019 | The real Rachaiah discovers the scam; village elders broker a cash pact

2022 | Bommegowda retires; transfers his Rs 10-lakh gratuity to Rachaiah

2024 | Pension dispute breaks the silence; police launch criminal case



Vehicle kills truck driver crossing flyover

Times News Network

Bengaluru: A 34-year-old truck driver died on the spot after an unidentified speeding vehicle ran over him while he was crossing to the other side of Nileri flyover, Devanahalli, late Wednesday night.

The deceased has been identified as D Sridhar, resident of Chintamani in Chikkaballapur.

Police are yet to trace the rash vehicle that knocked down and killed Sridhar around 11pm.

Commuters, who noticed the body, alerted beat police. Sridhar was alone and driving the truck from Hoskote to Bengaluru.

Ticket first, travel later: Soon, BMTC to enable QR bookings ahead of boarding

Move Afoot To Introduce Closed-Loop Smart Card System For Bus Commuters

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Daily commuters on Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses will soon be able to buy QR-based digital tickets even before reaching the bus stop, as the corporation moves to further expand its contactless and app-based ticketing system.

Under the proposed system, passengers can book mobile QR tickets in advance through a digital platform prior to boarding BMTC buses. The initiative is aimed at improving convenience for regular commuters.

Once onboard, passengers will be required to display the QR ticket to the conductor, who will validate it using Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs).

Chief traffic manager (operations) of BMTC, GT Prabhakar Reddy, said the corporation is also planning to introduce a closed-loop smart card system for bus commuters on the lines of the Namma Metro smartcard. "BMTC is working on multiple digital fare collection options to make city bus travel more seamless and commuter-friendly. As part of the transition, the corporation plans to deploy 11,000 advanced ETMs. We have already distributed around 4,000 new ETMs to conductors and are phasing out the older devices in a phased manner," he said.

According to officials, new ETMs generate dynamic QR codes for ticket issuance, replacing the existing static QR code-based payment system currently displayed inside buses or carried by conductors.

Officials said over 51% of ticket transactions were carried out through static QR codes. However, the system has exposed operational vulnerabilities and revenue leakages. "In certain cases, conductors misused the static QR codes by displaying personal UPI QR codes and diverting passenger payments into private accounts. BMTC detected fraudulent practices involving 10 conductors, with misappropriated amounts ranging from a few thousand rupees to over Rs 50,000. All the staff involved have been suspended and are facing departmental inquiry," the official said.

BMTC also identified instances of fare evasion by passengers using fraudulent payment applications that generated fake transaction confirmation screens without transferring money to the corporation's account. "Dynamic QR codes will put an end to these illegal practices," the official said.

Time-consuming move?

Meanwhile, sections of conductors have raised concerns over newly introduced ETMs, stating that generating dynamic QR-based tickets is time-consuming during peak-hour operations.

The delay in issuing tickets forced them to halt buses briefly en route to ensure all passengers are issued valid tickets and to avoid penalties during inspections by line-checking officials.

Responding to the concerns, officials said the issues were part of the initial transition phase and would stabilise as staff gain familiarity with the upgraded digital ticketing ecosystem.

"Senior officials have conducted field inspections to assess the functioning of the new ETMs. In most cases, conductors are able to generate machine-based QR tickets within seconds. We acknowledge that network connectivity issues are being reported in certain locations."

NCMC cards on buses from June

Officials of BMTC said commuters using Namma Metro and city buses will be able to use National Common Mobility Cards (NCMC) in BMTC buses from June.

In 2023, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited introduced NCMC cards in Namma Metro and officials said commuter adoption has been gradually increasing. However, BMTC hadn't enabled NCMC-based transactions in its bus network so far. "From June, NCMC cards will be accepted in BMTC buses as well. Operational modalities are currently being finalised to facilitate integration of NCMC, which is an open-loop card system that can also be used for multiple payment and mobility purposes," the official said. The state govt had earlier announced plans to issue Shakti Scheme smartcards for beneficiaries availing free bus travel services across Karnataka. Officials said the newly introduced ETMs deployed by BMTC will also support Shakti Scheme smartcards.

Garbage menace chokes Brigade Road, affects biz

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Bengaluru: Despite being Bengaluru's premier commercial hub, Brigade Road is not spared from the city's garbage crisis. Traders are worried and frustrated as heaps of waste — plastic bags, cardboard and rotting debris — pile up openly on the busy street, deterring shoppers and tarnishing the area's image.

Brigade Road, located in central Bengaluru near MG Road Metro station, houses nearly 125 stores that attract thousands of visitors daily.

At present, there are three garbage black spots beneath transformers — two on the main road and one inside a lane. Fruit peels, paper waste, leftover food, juice bottles, posters and packaging boxes are seen strewn across the area.

The garbage has spilled onto parts of the footpath, attracting rats and creating an unhygienic environment.

Despite repeated complaints, traders claim garbage has not been cleared for more than a month, affecting business and footfall. Imran Ahmed, owner of Silk and Cashmere, said, "We have been here for the last 12 years. At present, rats have become a major problem. I even spent Rs 2,000 to put up a banner in front of the store asking people not to throw garbage as per GBA guidelines, but nobody is listening. Shopkeepers, rose sellers, food sellers and others keep dumping waste here. At present, we are forced to take the garbage ourselves and dispose of it somewhere else."

A worker at a clothing store on Brigade Road said, "It is true that we have not been able to dispose of the garbage as nobody is coming to collect it. With no other option, we are handing it over to our cleaning staff, who dump it in nearby dustbins or elsewhere. We are paying them extra for this."

Suhail Yusuff, secretary of Brigade Shops' and Establishments' Association, said, "Even last week, I complained for days before a marshal finally came and cleared the garbage. After that, nobody turned up for the next eight days. Traders are repeatedly raising complaints over the piling of waste."

Officials speak

However, officials from Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) denied the allegations. A senior official said, "Pourakarmikas are sent to the area every day to clean the roads and clear garbage. A separate vehicle has also been allotted for waste collection. However, a few commercial establishments fall under the GBA, for which we are not responsible."

A GBA official has denied any accumulation of garbage on the road, saying the vendor responsible for lifting is collecting garbage on a daily basis.

NO ONE TO CLEAR: At present, there are three garbage black spots — two on the main road and one inside a lane, attracting rats

This Sunday morning, Happy Streets to debut at JP Nagar

File photo

FUN & FROLIC: The community event features varied activities like dance, music, art and fitness

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Happy Streets by **The Times of India** is set to make its debut in JP Nagar this Sunday, promising a lively morning of fitness, music and community engagement at Panduranga Nagar near Adarsh Rhythm Apartments.

The day will kick off with meditation by Heartfulness, followed by yoga and pranayama by Sarvebhavanthu Sukhinah Yoga. The pace then shifts with a high-intensity workout and fitness dance session by Swingers Dance Inc.

Music and culture will take centre stage through a musical performance by Mic & Melody, interactive singing training by From Mug to Mike, and a vocals and keyboard performance by Johnson's Academy.

A bharatanatyam performance will be presented by Kalanandana School of Dance, while Studio 8e1 will showcase vibrant dances. The event will also feature a martial arts presentation by DK Martial Arts and Fitness Academy.

Adding a local touch, Panduranga Nagar Association will host a fitness session by Deeksha, dance performances by Step Nation and a veena performance by residents. Presenting sponsors Bhima Jewellers will engage visitors with quizzes and a lucky draw announcement.

Highest takers for maths, science in CBSE test-2

Times News Network

Bengaluru: CBSE second exam for class 10 students has received a moderate response from city schools. The exam will kick off Friday.

"From what we've observed, around 25% of students are taking the re-exam. They are those who are not happy with the results (of first exam). Even toppers who lost a few marks have applied to improve. While there were around 379 centres for the first exam, there are 72 for the re-test," said Sandeep Pai S, chairman, Bangalore Sahodaya, an association of CBSE schools.

Based on National Education Policy, CBSE introduced the two-exam concept allowing students who have appeared in class 10 test to get a chance to improve their scores in up to three subjects during the second exam. The syllabus is the same.

Maths and science have the highest takers this time. Maths was the dampener in the first exam, with many students finding the paper lengthy and tough, thus pulling down their averages. Not many are taking social science or languages.

BGS International Residential School principal Shyamashree Chaterjee said: "Around 20-30 children of almost every school with a strength of 150 are taking the test. Surprisingly, students who have got marks in their 70s and want to improve their marks to 80s are appearing. We have observed that those who got 40 and 50 marks are not writing the exam."

There are also instances of many students who initially applied and then decided to back off and not take the exam. "While 22 students applied from our school, two of them who have already got admissions decided not to write," said Seema Gupta, principal of Navkis Education Centre. The marks of the first exam will be considered final in such cases.

There are a set of educationists who believe the second exam is not necessary. "Students have already taken admission for class 11 in schools. Every school/PU college now holds its own admission test. So, there is no point in holding a class 10 exam, let alone a re-test. This is just a waste of resources, with no serious advantages," said a school principal.

In Karnataka, the pass percentage of class 10 students was 98.9%.

Free training for NEET candidates

In a heartwarming gesture, a training centre has offered free classes to all NEET aspirants irrespective of the coaching class they are part of. Any student can learn not only through online mode, but also walk into campuses and learn at the classroom programme.

The focus of the initiative is academic preparation and helping students rebuild confidence, maintain consistency and approach the re-exam with a calmer and more prepared mindset, said the centre. The May 3 NEET was cancelled following a paper leak.

As part of the initiative, students will receive access to free NEET-pattern mock tests, practice sessions, time-management training among others.

Speaking about the initiative, Sridhar G, founder, Deeksha Vedantu, said: "We understand what students and parents are going through right now. Preparing again for a national-level examination can feel emotionally overwhelming. Through Re-NEET, we want every student to know they are not alone."

35 poor quality drugs found at kendras

Times News Network

Bengaluru: A total of 35 drug samples from J Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) stores, commonly called Janaushadhi Kendras, in Karnataka were found to be not-of-standard quality (NSQ) during Food Safety and Drug Administration's (FDA) drive conducted four months ago.

Janaushadhi Kendras are central govt-supported pharmacies that sell generic medicines at lower prices compared to branded medicines.

Special drives are routinely conducted by FDA every quarter against pharmacies.

Health minister Dinesh Gundu Rao Thursday said, "There are 1,321 Janaushadhi Kendras in Karnataka. Our special drive was conducted across 230 centres. We found 35 drug samples collected from these centres were NSQ. We are also prosecuting the centres in two cases."

Despite being mandated to sell generic medicines, Rao said it has been noticed that a few centres are selling branded medicines. "We are taking action. At the state level, we have decided to include a specific clause about selling only generic medicines henceforth, while issuing new licences for the kendras," he said.

Portal launched to track misuse

A new digital surveillance system aimed at identifying substandard drugs and preventing misuse of NDPS medicines was launched Wednesday.

Rao said he had written to Union ministers a year ago, seeking regulations on the issue, following which the state decided to implement its own monitoring mechanism.

According to him, the e-signing system introduced last year helped provide immediate market information, leading to the recall of drugs worth Rs 1.8 crore. Under the new system, once a drug is identified as substandard, details will be uploaded to the portal and shared with registered wholesale traders to prevent further sales. Around 15,000 wholesalers have registered on the platform so far.

Pulmonary blood clots affect 1 in 1,000 but awareness on surgery low: Experts

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Bengaluru: Pulmonary thromboembolism affects one in 1,000 people, yet awareness of the condition — and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE), a life-saving surgery to treat it — remains low among patients and even some medical practitioners, according to Bengaluru-based surgeons.

Dr Devi Prasad Shetty, cardiac surgeon and founder-chairman of Narayana Health, said: "Around 25-50% of blood clots in the leg gradually go up and block the lung artery. Over 90% of pulmonary embolism dissolves by itself, but around 5-10% of it does not and it gradually puts a lot of strain on the right side of the heart, leading to shortness of breath."

Dr Shetty said this is a treatable condition, much like diabetes or hypertension. "The moment someone is diagnosed with pulmonary thromboembolism, there is a tendency to say there is no cure and that the patient has to take blood thinners. But PTE is the surgery for this condition and the results are excellent," he added.

Pulmonary thromboembolism is a condition where blood clots block arteries in the lungs, after travelling from the deep veins of the legs, a condition called deep vein thrombosis

Dr Mukund Seshadri, senior consultant, cardiovascular & thoracic surgery, Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, said chronic pulmonary thromboembolism is significantly underdiagnosed due to low awareness. "The best treatment for chronic pulmonary thromboembolism is PTE, which is a complex surgery. This procedure involves removing chronic clots from the pulmonary arteries. It is a major operation lasting six to eight hours and requires cooling the patient significantly to reduce blood circulation while surgeons dissect and remove blockages from even the smaller branches of pulmonary arteries," he said.

If the surgery is not done well, there is a risk of tearing the pulmonary artery, which can lead to severe bleeding and poor outcomes.

"Pulmonary artery pressures that are severely elevated — often around 70 to 80 mmHg — can fall to near-normal levels of 25 to 30 mmHg within days or weeks after surgery," he said.

Doctors said only a handful of centres in the country currently perform PTE and the number of surgeons who have performed more than 10–20 procedures is even fewer.

Dr Ganesh Pratap, consultant pulmonologist, allergy & asthma specialist at Sparksh Hospital, Yeshwantpur, said, "Surgery usually depends on factors such as location of clot, surgical fitness, lung pressure and medical evaluation by a well-specialised multidisciplinary team. In order to improve safety and recovery, factors such as proper pre-surgical evaluation, imaging, cardiac assessment and post-operative monitoring are also essential."

Awareness is very significant since many patients continue to experience breathlessness and reduced capacity for physical exercise after a pulmonary embolism and may not realise that chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension is a possible cause.

Timely screening is important, say doctors.

47 animals found in flier's bag

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Customs officers at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Wednesday caught a passenger arriving from Bangkok and recovered 47 live specimens from his baggage. They included red-footed tortoise, African spurred tortoise, Argentine black & white tegu and Goeldi's marmoset.

Officials said some of the recovered species are listed under appendix-II of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

SEIZED: Smuggled rare tortoise intercepted by KIA Customs

A case has been registered under Customs Act, 1962 and the passenger has been handed over to the range forest officer (RFO), Bengaluru Rural, for action under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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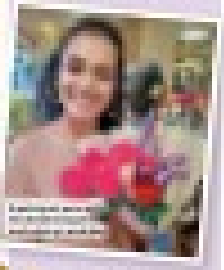

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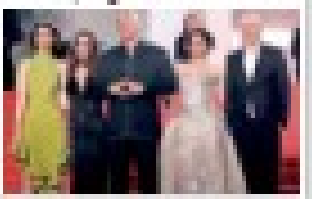

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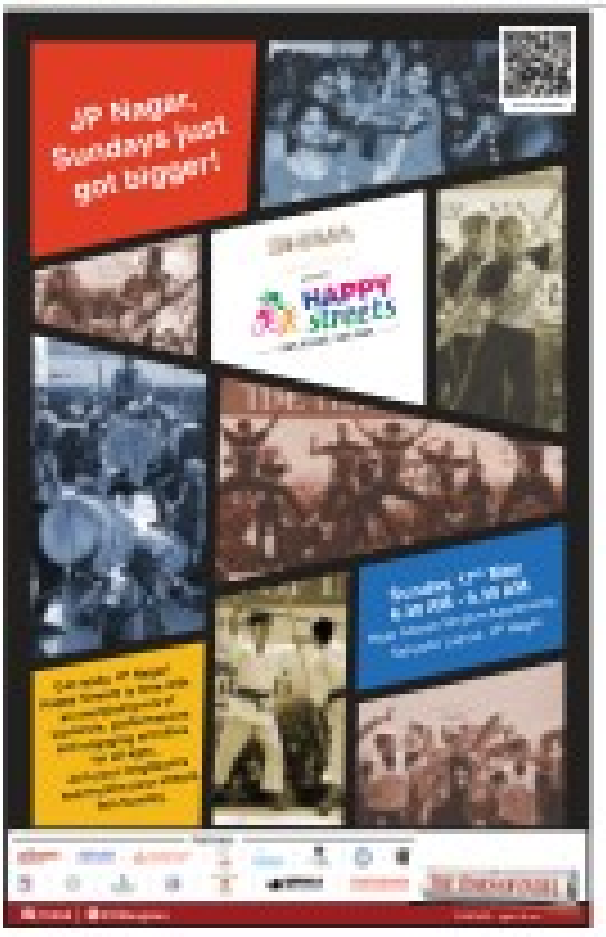

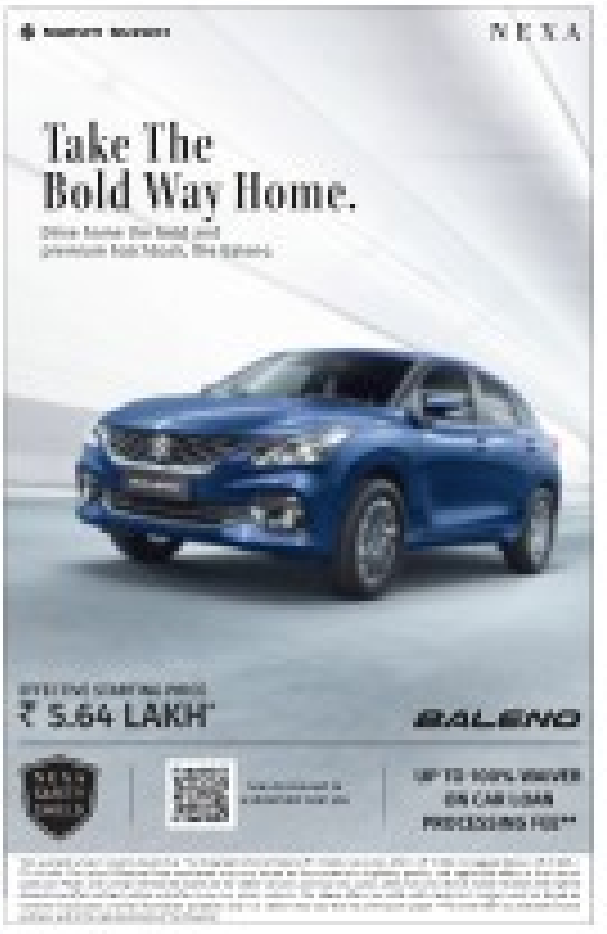

Congress wary of voter exclusions as K'taka gears up for SIR exercise

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Bengaluru: The Election Commission's special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, scheduled to begin in Karnataka on June 20, has triggered concern within Congress, with party functionaries fearing sections of its traditional support base could be left out of the revised voter list.

The month-long door-to-door voter verification by booth level officers (BLOs) will formally begin on June 30 and cover an estimated 5.5 crore voters across the state.

Sources say CM Siddaramaiah and senior Congress functionaries have discussed concerns over possible exclusion of minorities, migrant populations and economically weaker sections during the exercise and health minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the party was closely watching the process, given events that unfolded in other states.

"There are apprehensions after what happened in West Bengal," Rao told TOI, referring to the confusion close to elections. "They used SIR to manipulate voters' lists, and many were deprived of their right to vote. If done well ahead of elections, those whose names are left out would get enough time to rectify it. We must take another look at procedures and ensure nothing wrong goes on here."

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MOM'S TOUCH: Prabha Mallikarjun, MP, pins a Gandaberunda brooch on her son, Samarth Mallikarjun, after he took oath as MLA on Thursday. (Right) Umesh Meti, who won the Bagalkot bypoll, with Satish Jarkiholi

Referring to Assam, Rao alleged minority voters were disadvantaged through gerrymandering. Congress spokesperson Brijesh Kalappa said the party had stepped up vigilance at the booth level. "Voters will be educated, and we will also take this up at a community level since we anticipate certain communities being impacted," he said.

Rizwan Arshad, who represents Shivajinagar in Bengaluru, an assembly constituency where minorities dominate, said the party would launch awareness campaigns to ensure minorities and underprivileged groups are not disenfranchised.

HA Iqbal Hussain, MLC, said Karnataka differed from West Bengal as it did not share international borders, but added Congress would train BLA-2 workers to monitor the exercise alongside BLOs.

Congress functionaries are also worried migrant populations from other states could face documentation-related confusion during verification, especially in urban centres in Bengaluru, Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru districts.

Priyank Kharge, rural development and panchayat raj minister, said the party had no objection to identifying genuine voters but questioned the process. "SIR should not merely mean cutting the voter list, but also ensuring a genuine list," Priyank said.

But opposition BJP-JD(S) welcomed the exercise. Opposition leader R Ashoka reiterated the claim that nearly 10 lakh illegal Bangladeshi migrants were residing in Karnataka and said SIR would help identify them.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra accused Congress of opposing the exercise for political reasons, while BJP MLC Ravikumar said the party expected a "cleansing" of electoral rolls "through deletion of duplicate and deceased voters". JD(S) national spokesperson Sudhakar S Shetty said the party had already begun awareness and training programmes for workers ahead of the exercise.

CM: No saffron shawls, only existing symbols allowed

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HELPING HAND: Chief minister Siddaramaiah accepts petitions from people during his visit to Mysuru on Thursday

Mysuru/Bengaluru: Chief minister Siddaramaiah Thursday clarified that saffron shawls will not be allowed in educational institutions under the Karnataka govt's order on religious symbols, while practices already in existence such as hijab, turbans, rudraksha beads and sacred threads (janivara) would be permitted.

"See, it is not just the hijab," Siddaramaiah said in Mysuru. "People can also wear turbans, sacred threads, Shivadhara rudraksha beads — everyone can wear things according to their beliefs. This is allowed up to Class 12, whether it is high school, college or primary school. It applies to all."

Asked whether turbans representing saffron identity would be permitted, he said only practices already in existence would be allowed. "Nothing new can be introduced," he said.

The govt Wednesday issued an order allowing students to wear hijab, Shivadhara rudraksha and sacred thread in schools, scrapping the BJP govt's 2022 order that had banned hijabs in govt schools following the hijab-versus-saffron shawl controversy. BJP and Hindu right-wing groups criticised the decision, with some organisations threatening to wear saffron shawls in schools.

In Bengaluru, BJP legislator CT Ravi asked if schools should continue with a dress code if religious symbols and attire were selectively allowed. He said BJP was not opposed to hijab but supported uniformity in educational institutions.

"School uniforms were introduced to ensure equality among students irrespective of religion and tradition," Ravi said. "If every religious practice is allowed inside schools, the purpose behind the uniform system will be defeated."

Creating divisions: BYV

He said the Karnataka Education Act, 1983, clearly defined the objective of dress codes and empowered school and college managements to implement them. "India is not based on the concept of one book, one prophet or one God. It is a country of diverse traditions and beliefs. If hijab is allowed, what is the basis for rejecting saffron shawls?" he asked, alleging double standards.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra accused Congress of trying to create divisions between Hindus and Muslims. "There are several pressing issues before the govt, but instead it is trying to create conflict between communities," he said.

In Shivamogga, former deputy chief minister KS Eshwarappa accused the govt of violating a 2022 directive from the high court which, he said, ruled that the hijab is not an essential religious practice in Islam. He argued that by rolling back the previous ban, the govt is encouraging religious division and politicising the education system.

Appeasement, says HDK

Union minister HD Kumaraswamy of JD(S) said the govt's decision was triggered by disgruntlement during the Davanagere South byelection. He said Congress was rattled by voting patterns "of a particular community" and took the decision to allow hijabs "to appease that community".

Order safeguards religious freedom, right to education, says Muslim body

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind welcomed the govt's decision allowing students to wear the hijab, describing it as a positive step towards safeguarding religious freedom and educational rights. In a statement, Mohammed Saad Belgami, Ameer-e-Halqa of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Karnataka, said the decision would help Muslim girl students continue their education without fear or uncertainty. "Schools and colleges should be safe spaces where students can pursue their education with dignity, confidence and a sense of security," Belgami said.

G Ram G uncertainty hits rural employment

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Bengaluru: Uncertainty surrounding the Centre's new Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgaar and Ajeevika Mission-Gramin (VB-G Ram G) Act and Karnataka govt's decision to explore legal options against it has led to a sharp fall in rural employment generation in the state.

Law minister HK Patil said the issue will be discussed at the next cabinet meeting scheduled for May 23. "The cabinet had decided to pursue legal recourse, but since dates have been announced to implement VB-G Ram G, we will discuss it again," Patil said.

On Tuesday, the Centre said the new Act would come into force from July 1, replacing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). While most BJP and NDA-ruled states have accepted the new rural employment scheme, the Congress govt in Karnataka has opposed it from the outset.

Patil said the state had urged the Centre to approve action plans prepared under MGNREGA and later align them with other central schemes. "But the Centre did not consider any action plan for the states, and for the first time since the inception of MGNREGA we could not generate employment for rural parts of the state," he said.

Karnataka has so far generated work for only 3.8 lakh individuals this fiscal, compared with an average of nearly 50 lakh people during the same period over the previous five years. Similarly, the average number of employment days per household has dropped to 11 this fiscal from an average of 42 days over the last five years.

Priyank Kharge, rural development and panchayat raj minister, said the Centre had announced only the launch date of the new Act without releasing operational guidelines.

"Had the Centre notified the operational part of the VB-G Ram G, then at least Karnataka could have considered the pros and cons of the new act," Priyank said. "But what the Union govt has done is only release the date and just continued empty promises of guaranteeing 125 days of employment a year with no action plan."

WORK UNDER MGNREGA

Total job cards	76.8 lakh
Active job card holders	37.1 lakh
Total workers	1.6 crore
Active workers	63.8 lakh
Person days generated in 2026-27	27.2 lakh (8 hr/day)
Avg annual person days in last five years	12.8 crore (8 hr/day)
Approved labour budget for 2026-27	₹2.1 crore
Avg approved labour budget in past five years	₹13 crore

Source: RDPR department

SHORT TAKES

Karnataka and Chile eye collaboration

Minister Priyank Kharge met a high-level delegation from Chile, led by its foreign minister Francisco Perez Mackenna, and discussed collaboration in emerging technologies, clean energy, and startup ecosystems. The Chilean delegation's visit to Bengaluru, as part of its India engagements, underscores Karnataka's growing prominence as a preferred partner for global collaborations, officials said. Both sides explored opportunities to build partnerships that focus on innovation-led growth, talent exchange, and market access. "We are keen to work with Chile on startup exchanges, market access, and building joint innovation corridors, including R&D centres and incubators," Priyank said.

CM congratulates Satheesan

CM Siddaramaiah congratulated VD Satheesan on being named Keralam CM and said he looked forward to working with him to uphold the spirit of federalism and protect shared interests of both states. "A six-term MLA, former LoP, and a leader who began his public life through student politics in NSUI, Satheesan brings decades of legislative experience and a deep understanding of people's aspirations," Siddaramaiah said in a post on X.

One nation, one poll discussions

The joint parliamentary committee on 'One Nation, One Election' will arrive in Karnataka on May 16 for regional consultations. Led by PP Chaudhary, MP, the panel will visit Bengaluru and Gandhinagar from May 16 to 21 and will meet with high constitutional and political functionaries such as the chief minister, deputy CM, speaker of the assembly, chairman of legislative council, elected representatives, heads of political parties, state administration, financial and educational institutions, professional bodies and representatives of civil society.

Bidadi township an official real estate business: HDK

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Bengaluru: Union minister HD Kumaraswamy Thursday accused the state govt of turning the proposed Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township near Bidadi into an "official real estate business" and demanded an immediate halt to land acquisition proceedings.

Approved by the cabinet last month, the project proposes development of 7,481 acres spanning nine villages in Bengaluru South district and Ramanagara taluk.

Targeting CM Siddaramaiah, Kumaraswamy alleged the Rs 18,133-crore project was approved to safeguard his position, and the CM was "acting like a real estate agent". He asked how the govt fixed compensation for farmland at Rs 2 crore per acre while allegedly valuing govt kharab land within a private resort at Rs 12 crore per acre.

He said fertile land in villages cultivating coconuts, mulberry and vegetables was being acquired despite farmers protesting for over a year. Questioning the govt's claim that 80% of farmers had consented to the project, he asked, "Who are these farmers?" He alleged that the township proposal was designed to generate nearly Rs 33,000 crore through site sales, taxes and other revenue streams.

Kumaraswamy said the integrated township concept was first proposed during his tenure in 2006. He said five townships were planned in locations such as Hoskote, Solur and Satnur to decongest Bengaluru city. He said the earlier proposals involved extensive discussions with farmers and challenged law minister HK Patil to release the fact-finding committee report prepared by Congress when it opposed the project in 2006. He said he would continue legal efforts against the acquisition and stand with affected farmers.

Free B-khata conversion

He also criticised deputy CM DK Shivakumar over the newly announced Bhu Guarantee scheme, which seeks to convert B-khata properties into A-khata under the Greater Bengaluru framework alleging that the govt was attempting to raise money through property regularisation. He urged Bengaluru residents not to "succumb" to the govt's efforts to collect money through B-khata conversions and claimed that "the next govt" would regularise such properties without burdening owners financially.

DUCKS QUESTION ON CM FACE SPECULATION

Clarifying reports that he could be projected as the NDA face in Karnataka for the 2028 assembly polls, Union minister HD Kumaraswamy said the JD(S)-BJP alliance was formed with the objective of providing a "good govt". "I have already been CM twice," Kumaraswmay said, without directly responding to speculation over his leadership role. Meanwhile, he questioned the delay in elections to Greater Bengaluru Authority after the state EC indicated its readiness to conduct polls. "The chief minister himself assured GBA elections in June. But now, the govt is planning to delay," he said.

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FINGER POINTING: HD Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru on Thursday

HC: Sub-registrars must register firms if applications in order

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Bengaluru: The high court held that once the statement prescribed under Section 58 of the Indian Partnership Act is duly furnished, signed and accompanied by the requisite fee, the registrar is bound to act under the terms of Section 59 of the Act and effect registration.

The registrar's role is neither that of a civil court nor that of an adjudicatory authority capable of importing extraneous considerations, the judge noted

In his judgment, dated April 25, Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum while allowing the petition filed by M/s Spectrum Space Infra, Bengaluru, directed the sub-registrar of Shivajinagar to consider the application filed by the petitioner for registration under the Indian Partnership Act and take next action in accordance with law.

The firm, though presently unregistered, came into existence on June 10, 2020 under a partnership deed executed between S Mahalingam and M/s Poseidon Trust, under the name and style M/s Novel Nexus Infra. The firm underwent reconstitution on July 7, 2021 and again on Dec 6, 2021 by inducting additional partners. Thereafter, the firm changed its name to M/s Spectrum Space Infra by an amendment, dated Oct 3, 2023.

An application was submitted for registration of the firm under the Indian Partnership Act by the petitioner, and the same was rejected by the authorities by endorsement on Sept 17, 2025, placing reliance on Rule 4(2) of the Karnataka Partnership (Registration of Firms) Rules-1954, on the premise that changes in constitution were not intimated within 15 days. This forced the petitioner to approach the high court.

The judge noted that several high courts have held that, while dealing with applications under Section 58 of the Indian Partnership Act, the Registrar performs only a limited quasi-ministerial role confined to verifying whether the statutory requirements are met. The courts have cautioned the registrar does not sit in adjudication over the validity of the partnership, its internal arrangements, or its past procedural lapses.

In the present case, the respondent authority clearly exceeded its jurisdiction. The petitioners sought initial registration under Section 58 of the Act, not the recording of subsequent changes under Sections 60 to 63. Therefore, reliance on Rule 4(2) of the Rules was misplaced, as it applies only to already registered firms.

Justice Magadum held that neither the delay in approaching the registrar nor the firm's prior reconstitution could justify rejection of the application. The registrar cannot assume an adjudicatory role by scrutinising the firm's historical evolution, the court noted while allowing the petition.

Awareness programme on new income tax Act

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Bengaluru: An outreach and awareness programme on new Income Tax Act- 2025 was organised by the income tax department Thursday.

With the new Act coming into force from April this year along with consequential revisions to rules and prescribed forms, officials said the reforms aim to make tax laws simpler, clearer and more taxpayer-friendly, thereby promoting ease of compliance for all categories of taxpayers.

The programme, Prarambh-2026, focused on facilitating a smooth transition from the Income-tax Act-1961 to Income Tax Act-2025, with emphasis on simplification of provisions, rationalisation of sections and forms, and enhancement of taxpayer facilitation measures.

The event also featured demonstrations of the department's digital initiatives, including the Kar Saathi AI Chatbot and awareness programme, Kar Setu.

Vidisha Kalra, principal chief commissioner of income tax, Karnataka & Goa region, and tennis player Rohan Bopanna were present.

Parking fight: Motorist pushes woman into drain

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Bengaluru police are searching for a motorist who allegedly pushed a homemaker into a drain during a parking dispute, leaving her with a fractured right hand. The incident occurred near an ice-cream parlour on Platform Road in Seshadripuram. The complainant, G Chandrahasa, a resident of MC Layout, Vijayanagar, said the fight broke out when he was parking the car opposite to the ice-cream parlour and it accidentally brushed with a two-wheeler, parked in the same place. "During the fight, the motorist pushed my wife Gangamma R," he alleged.

An officer said they have collected CCTV footage from the place of the incident and are probing.

Firms raided over Ponzi scheme charges

Belagavi: Officials from the district administration and the cooperation department Thursday raided offices linked to Shivam Associates, owned by Shivanand Neelannavar, following complaints of an alleged Ponzi-style money-circulation scheme involving thousands of crores of rupees. The raid was carried out at two offices in Shiv Basav Nagar, and triggered widespread public attention.

Acting on the directions of DC Mohammad Roshan, a team led by AC Shravan Nayak conducted a detailed inspection of financial transactions, investment records and documents related to funds mobilised from the public. Sources confirmed that several key documents have been seized for further scrutiny.

Shivam Associates is alleged to have collected substantial investments from the public, including retired army personnel, by promising high returns. Around 45,000 individuals may have invested in the firm, raising concerns over potential large-scale irregularities.

AC Shravan Nayak said, "We are examining documents and gathering information, which may go on till late night. Neelannavar is also being questioned regarding various financial transactions. TNN

Tree of life: Mango orchard sustains this school in Kolar

Ranganath K | TNN

Kolar: Tucked away in Avalakuppa village on the fringes of Srinivasapur taluk, bordering neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, stands a govt lower primary school that perhaps enjoys a privilege few schools in Karnataka can boast of — its own mango orchard spread across 10 acres that funds the welfare of its students!

The mango orchard attached to the school is not merely a source of shade or scenery in the parched landscape of the region. Every summer, it turns into a lifeline for the rural school with classes up to 5th standard, generating lakhs of rupees through the auction of its mango crop.

Evidently this year, despite a poor harvest caused by heat, the school managed to auction the crop for over Rs 1.5 lakh.

This extraordinary story dates back to over six decades when village philanthropist Chikkasiddappa, in 1965, donated 10 acres of land along with mango saplings to the school as a 'gift deed'. However, it was done with a vision; the income generated out of the orchard should forever be used for the welfare of the school students.

The mango orchard belonging to the Govt Lower Primary School at Avalakuppe in Kolar district

Ever since then, the land parcel with mango saplings has gradually flourished into a thriving orchard with a considerable number of fruit yielding trees. The school's headmaster M Shankarappa told **TOI** a local farmer Narayanappa nurtured these saplings until 1990s. "Subsequently, his son Mulavagilappa took over the responsibility and continues to maintain the orchard to date," he said.

The school auctions the crop in the presence of senior officials of the school education department from the taluk and district. Bidders openly quote their price, and the highest bidder walks away with the harvest rights. "This season, we saw participation of 11 bidders at the auction on Monday. Usually, the orchard fetches Rs 5 to 7 lakh revenue during a bumper season. But this year, due to intense heatwave conditions, the trees have lost flowers and hence, we have only 30 per cent yield. In 2025, the orchard had fetched Rs 5.2 lakh but this season, we managed to get only Rs 1.5 lakh," he said.

As per the terms and conditions of the original gift deed, one third of the auction amount is credited to the school's fund while the remaining two-thirds are paid to Mulavagilappa for his efforts.

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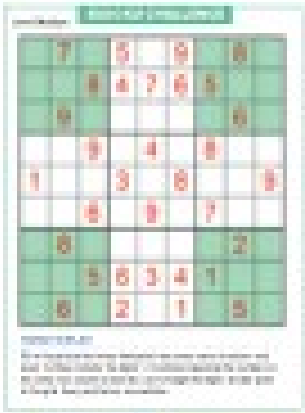

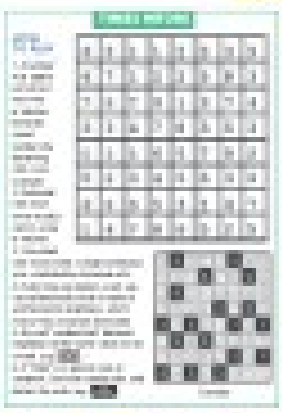

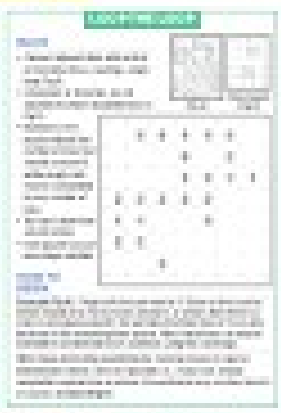

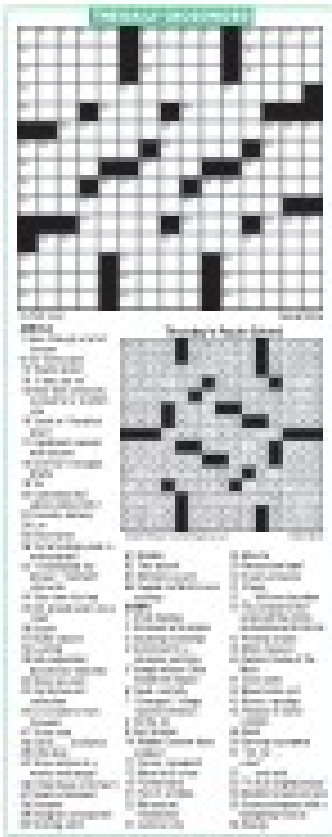

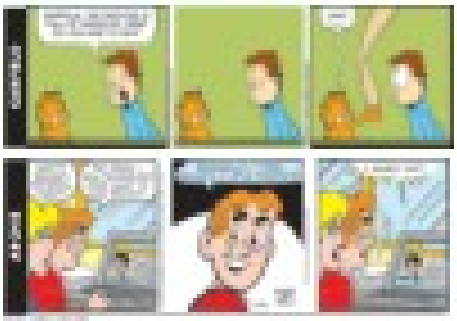

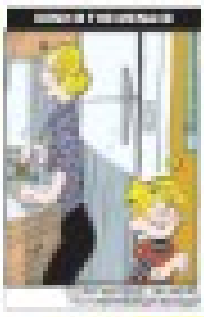

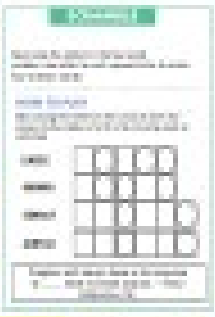

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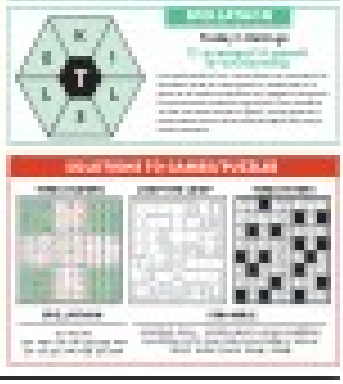

Digital eyes at KSR rly stn can recognise habitual offenders

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Bengaluru: Habitual offenders such as pickpockets, luggage thieves and chain snatchers may soon find it difficult to go unnoticed at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station. South Western Railway has commissioned a new state-of-the-art surveillance system equipped with facial recognition and video analytics technology.

The upgraded video surveillance system (VSS), launched Wednesday, comes with 168 IP-based high-definition CCTV cameras installed across the station premises—at entry and exit gates, platforms, waiting halls, foot overbridges, subways, booking counters and other vulnerable spots.

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TECH EDGE: The new surveillance system can match faces captured on camera with the database of known offenders and alert security personnel

What makes the system significant is its ability to automatically identify and track habitual offenders and suspected criminals moving through the station. Using facial recognition technology, the surveillance network can match faces captured on camera with a database of known offenders and immediately alert security personnel.

Officials said the database already contains records of 1,086 criminals, enabling Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Govt Railway Police (GRP) to monitor suspicious movements in real time and respond faster.

The video analytics (VA) feature is also capable of detecting unusual activity patterns and generating instant alerts for predefined security events, helping authorities prevent thefts and other crimes at one of south India's busiest railway stations.

With more than 2.5 lakh passengers passing through the station every day, railway authorities said the advanced surveillance network is essential to strengthen passenger safety and improve criminal tracking. "This is the first station within the zone where the system is implemented. SWR has plans to implement the system across all major stations within Karnataka in future," SWR chief public relations officer Manjunath Kanamadi told **TOI.**

A 20ft×9ft video wall has also been set up at the monitoring centre, allowing RPF personnel to keep watch on station activity round the clock. According to RPF sources, the new system is expected to significantly improve the speed at which offenders are identified and apprehended, especially compared to the earlier patchy CCTV network that often made investigations difficult.

"The entire VSS network and associated systems have undergone a comprehensive cybersecurity audit by STQC Bengaluru, and the system has been certified with a zero vulnerability report, ensuring compliance with cybersecurity and information security requirements," an SWR official said.

KDA: End fines for speaking Kannada

Bengaluru: Kannada Development Authority has written to school education minister Madhu Bangarappa, asking govt to make imposition of fines for speaking in Kannada on educational campuses a punishable offence. "This (fine) is not only anti-educational but also a violation of constitutional rights," KDA chief Purushottam Bilimale said. TNN

Thieves strike near police stn, caught after hot chase

Ranganath K | TNN

Kolar: In a dramatic chase straight out of a movie scene, a gang of thieves, who allegedly stole Rs 1 lakh from a parked two-wheeler near Bethamangala police station (100km from Bengaluru) near KGF, was chased by alert locals, who managed to catch one of the accused.

The incident occurred around Wednesday noon. Ramesh, a resident of New Town in Bethamangala, had just withdrawn Rs 1 lakh from his bank account and kept the cash inside the storage box of his scooter before stepping into a nearby shop. Sensing an opportunity, four men opened the box, grabbed the cash and attempted to flee. But the plan went awry when Ramesh's son happened to spot the theft and raised an alarm.

Within seconds, locals joined the chase, pursuing the accused on two-wheelers and autorickshaws through busy streets. After a dramatic chase for close to half a kilometre, the crowd managed to corner and catch one of the suspects.

The accused, identified as Giri, 40, from OG Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, was allegedly beaten up by the angry crowd before being handed over to police. The stolen cash was recovered from him.

Police said the gang's audacity was striking as the theft took place close to a police station in daylight.

2 arrested for raping girls, recording videos

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Two persons were arrested on charges of sexually abusing two girls, videographing the act and uploading the clips on social media to make quick money.

The arrests were done by sleuths from Cyber Command Centre (CCC) following an alert from National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP). This is first time in the recent past that police have arrested those recording child sex videos.

The arrested are 29-year-old Kiran Kumar Nayak, cattle-grazer from Kaidallipalya near Kaggalipura, and 20-year-old Aditya MK, swimming pool maintenance staffer at Channapatna. Police recovered three mobile phones in which the acts were recorded.

The girls are aged 11 and 12 years and are from a farmer's family in Ramanagara, Bengaluru South district. Their mother died many years ago, while their father, who was an alcoholic, passed away two years back. Since then, the girls lived with their uncle, who is close to one of the accused, police said.

The uncle took money from the cattle-grazer and his associate and allowed them to take away the girls. Police said the minors were sexually exploited for the last one year. Director general of police (Cyber Command Centre) Pronab Mohanty said a case was registered at Kaggalipura police station and the girls' statements were recorded. Their uncle is yet to be traced.

Proposed rules to relax bldg violation limit trigger debate

GBA's Move To Amend Bylaws Receives 25 Objections

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Bengaluru: The proposed amendment to Bengaluru City Corporation Building Bylaws 2026, which provides for relaxing building violation limit of up to 15% has not enthused all: The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has formally received around 25 objections against the move.

This officially opens the doors for regularising all building violations, emphasised the objections, even as deputy CM DK Shivakumar defended it, stating it was necessitated to address long-pending occupancy certificate issues in the city.

"Due to intense demand for land in the city and growing development pressures, property owners have built structures violating the plans without maintaining the required setbacks. The law allows up to 50% setback concessions... We are now granting only 15% exemption," he stated.

According to sources in the town planning sections across all five city corporations under GBA, the objections and suggestions were submitted by the public through emails, letters and other representations before the April 30 deadline. Senior officials said the objections largely question the statutory validity of the proposal, while many respondents have flagged concerns that the amendment resembles an "Akrama-Sakrama-type" regularisation mechanism and could encourage further deviations and building violations in the city.

Shivakumar countered: "We are not legalising illegalities." Referring to the Supreme Court's direction against providing electricity and water connections to buildings without occupancy certificates, he said the govt was attempting to resolve the issue, and a decision is expected in the upcoming cabinet meeting.

The draft amendment, notified on April 1, proposes regularisation of building deviations of up to 15% in setbacks, floor area ratio (FAR), plot coverage and building height, subject to payment of compounding fees linked to guidance value of the property. The provision applies to both residential and non-residential buildings, with different slabs based on plot size and extent of deviation.

As per the proposal, deviations of up to 15% may be regularised in buildings constructed on plots up to 500 sq m, while slightly tighter limits apply to larger plots. The amendment also introduces a detailed fee structure for violations such as setback infringements, excess FAR, unauthorised terrace construction, basement extensions and occupancy without obtaining certificates.

Officials have proposed that such violations may be regularised if demolition is deemed infeasible without affecting the structural stability of the building, with the commissioner empowered to approve such cases after recording reasons.

CITIZENS: AMNESTY SENDS WRONG SIGNALS

"This is nothing but a series of creeping relaxations, none of which has any urban planning science behind it. Senseless grant of amnesty through payments cannot be made into law without consequences. Such proposals encourage violations instead of enforcing discipline. Citizen groups will challenge the move legally, if required

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"We term this proposal a backdoor introduction of Akrama-Sakrama-type mechanism. Repeated regularisation measures could legitimise illegal constructions, weaken planned urban development and increase pressure on already strained civic infrastructure, including roads, drainage and emergency access systems

— Namma Whitefield Residents' Welfare Association Federation

"The amendment sends the wrong signal by allowing repeated regularisation of violations. Authorities should first strictly enforce existing rules for upcoming constructions instead of repeatedly attempting regularisation. On one side, buildings continue violating norms, and on the other, govt is trying to regularise them. Reduced setbacks could lead to neighbour disputes, fire safety risks and increased litigation in the future

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Bi-weekly Mumbai train from May 23

Bengaluru: Udyaan Express will no longer be the only direct train between Mumbai and Bengaluru. Following a series of cancellations and timetable revisions, a new bi-weekly express will operate between the cities from May 23.

The ministry of railways has finally approved Bengaluru-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Bi-weekly Express. On May 23, the train will begin its first journey from Sir M Viswesvarayya Terminus in Byappanahalli and the service from Lokmanya Tilak Terminus in Mumbai will be flagged off the next day.

It will originate from SMVT Saturdays and Tuesdays starting 8:35pm and reach Mumbai at 8:40pm the next day. The return service from Mumbai will start at 11:15pm Sundays and Wednesdays and reach Bengaluru by 10:30pm. The train will stop at Sampige Road, Davanagere, Hubballi, Dharwad, Belagavi, Miraj, Sangli, Karad, Satara, Lonand, Pune, Lonavala, Karjat, Kalyan and Thane. TNN

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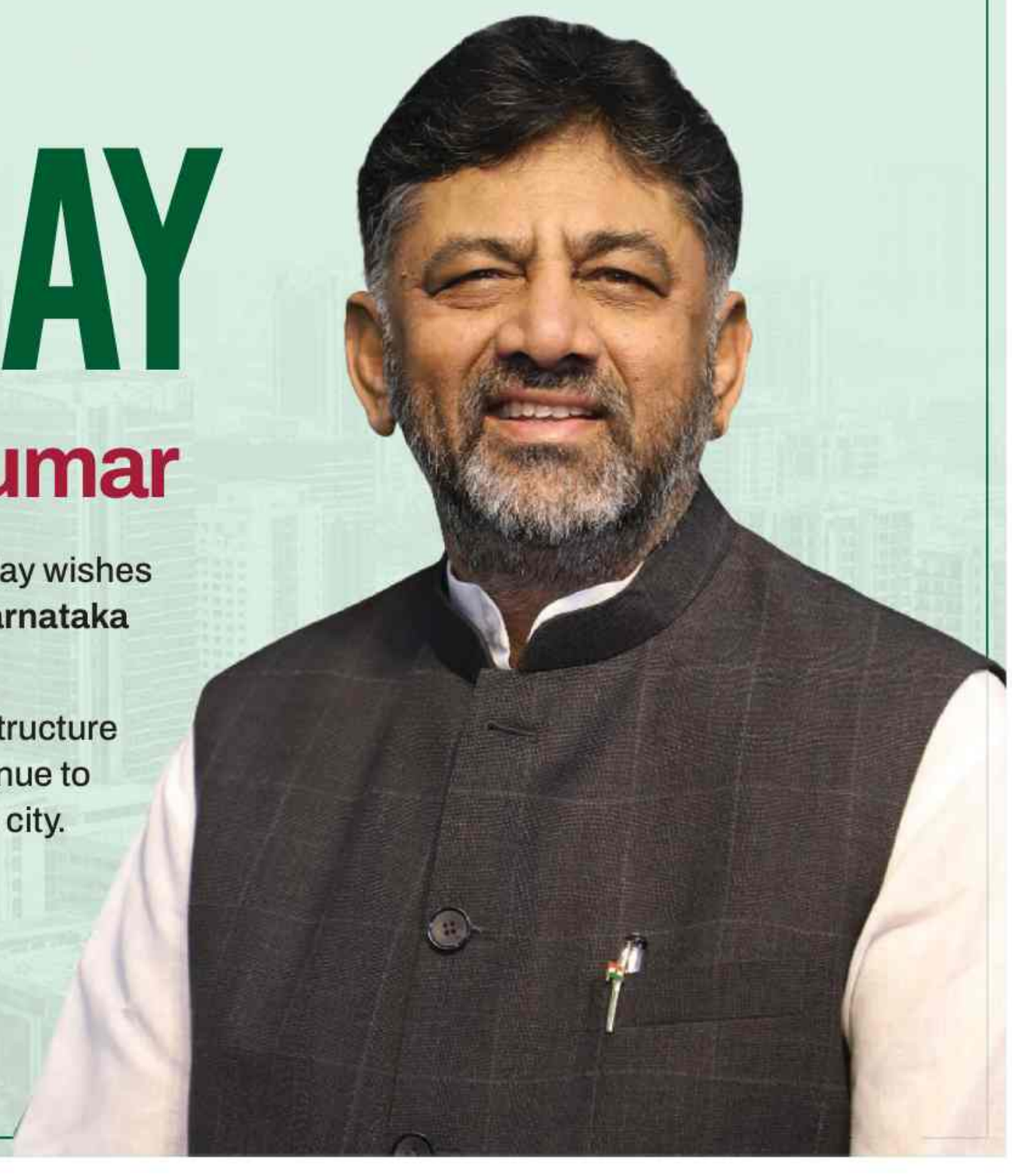

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BJP MP HEMA MALINI LAUNCHES 'MERO MATHURA' APP DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE DIGI CIVIC SERVICES

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Centre: Gender equality does not apply to religious rights

Advocates Hands-Off Approach For SC In Religious Issues

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New Delhi: In a pro-religious practice stand, the Centre told a nine-judge Supreme Court bench that the constitutional mandate under Article 25(1) entitling all persons equal "freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion" did not provide for gender equality.

In his rejoinder, solicitor general Tushar Mehta told a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices B V Nagarathna, M M Sundresh, Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Aravind Kumar, A G Masih, P B Varale, R Mahadevan and J Bagchi, "Article 25(1) does not provide for gender equality for the simple reason that Articles 15 and 16 already prohibit discrimination on the grounds, inter alia, of 'sex'."

He said the expression 'equally entitled' conveyed non-discrimination on the grounds of belief, faith, worship, religion or denomination. Every denomination was entitled to

TALKING REFORM

prescribe different modes of worship, beliefs and rituals for men and women, he added.

Advocating a hands-off approach for courts in religious issues, Mehta said only the legislature could bring about social reform through wide deliberations and discussions by representatives of people in Parliament or assemblies.

"If courts may reform religion in the absence of legislation, whenever they determine that a practice offends the Constitution, there is, in practice, no limit on the judicial reformation of religious traditions. Every denomination's internal discipline, every temple's mode of worship, every faith's institutional arrangements become permanently available for constitutional challenge. This consequence is not hypothetical, it has occurred in the Sabarimala case," Mehta said.

He added that the Constitution did not envisage constitutional courts as the "reformatory overlord of religious traditions of 1.4 billion citizens". The bench reserved its verdict after a 16-day hearing spread over five weeks.

Senior advocates Gopal Subramanium, C S Vaidyanathan, Rakesh Dwivedi and Rajeev Dhavan agreed with the SG's stand. Subramanium said Articles 25 and 26, which confer individual and group religious rights, operated on separate spheres and hence there could not be any conflict between them to warrant judicial interference for a harmonious interpretation.

Apex court invokes spirituality to urge Kapur family to settle property dispute

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New Delhi: Invoking spirituality in the multi-billion-dollar property dispute over late industrialist Sunjay Kapur's estate between his mother and wife, Supreme Court on Thursday reminded them of the transience of life and that it's always better to amicably resolve issues than fight endlessly.

As the court-directed mediation process hit an obstacle before it started with Sanjay Kapur's mother Rani Kapur alleging that two new independent directors were being appointed in the company to reduce her say and Priya Kapur contending that it was being done at RBI's directive, a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan appealed to them to be accommodative and not go for mediation with a prejudiced mind. Court also directed that no director be appointed in the meantime.

The bench asked Priya Kapur to treat her mother-in-law with a little care, pointing out that she is 80 years old and grief-stricken. It urged both parties not to do anything which would derail mediation proceedings. "Put to an end to the dispute amicably, or it will be a very long-drawn battle," the bench said.

UP's 'flying man' survives 50ft storm lift, lands in cane field

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Bareilly: A 50-year-old e-rickshaw driver was lifted nearly 50ft into the air and flung around 100 metres by strong storm winds after he tried to hold down a tin shed at a wedding hall in Bamiana village under Bhaumora police station area on Wednesday evening. He landed in a nearby sugarcane field with fractures in his hand and leg, while a video of the incident turned him into an internet sensation overnight.

Mohammad Nanhe, a resident of Bamiana village, about 22km from Bareilly city, had gone to the wedding hall to collect some goods when the weather suddenly worsened. He said strong winds began uprooting the tin shed, and fearing that it would be carried away, he tied a rope to it and held on in an attempt to stop it from flying off. The gusts, however, proved too strong, and the shed broke loose, lifting him with it.

Nanhe remained airborne for about seven seconds before the wind carried him across the area and dropped him in the adjoining sugarcane field. He briefly lost consciousness after the impact, but later said the crop softened his fall and saved him from more serious injuries. "When I was in the air, I thought I would never see my children again," he said.

Within hours, the clip travelled far beyond Bamiana village, appearing on news channels and circulating across X, Instagram, WhatsApp groups and LinkedIn timelines. Viewers replayed the few seconds in which Nanhe rose with the tin shed, crossed the frame in the storm and disappeared towards the fields, many calling his survival difficult to believe. Nanhe was taken to a private hospital and discharged later after his condition stabilised.

Storms destroy 30% mango crop in Amroha, Bijnor; lower yield may push up prices

Bijnor: Unseasonal storms destroyed nearly 30% of this season's mango crop in the orchard belts of Amroha and Bijnor districts, knocking down large quantities of raw fruit that growers said would otherwise have ripened for markets across India and export consignments abroad. Since the start of summer, at least six dust storms, accompanied by gusty winds and light rain, hit the region, with the latest spell on Tuesday and Wednesday leaving heaps of green mangoes on the ground, **reports Harveer Dabas.** Agriculture scientist Dr K K Singh of Nagina research centre said inclement weather caused mango loss, though the overall damage could be assessed only later.

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Special Land Acquisition Officer, No. 14/3, 1st Floor,
Aravinda Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001

No. : KIADB/LAQ/(K-RIDE)/155/2026-27 Date: 11.05.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the **KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD,** Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of Coridar-4 of Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE). The Preliminary Notification Under Section 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 25 SPQ 2026 Bangalore dated:18-04-2026 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated: **23.04.2026**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the News papers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by, sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (K-RIDE), 0Bangalore during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 25.05.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (K-RIDE), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana Building, and Bangalore. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, it will be consider that there is no objection from your side and further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

Sl. No	I.D. No	Property Owner	L.A/CT Sy. No	Total Extent	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
Enquiry Date: 25.05.2026 Time: 11.00 a.m Village : Addiganahalli Hobli: Hesarughatta Taluk: Yalahanka Distrct : Bengaluru Urban					
1	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/01A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24	9004.13	6.05
2	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/02A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24		21.9
3	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/03A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24		32.96
4	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/04A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24		41.03
5	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/5A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24		47.8
6	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/06A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24		47.65
7	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/07A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24		47.49
8	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/08A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	24		30.19
		Ramaiah S/o Narasimaiah	24		20.30
9	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/09A	Kempanna S/o Munihanumaiah	24		50.19
10	C4/R/45/5-6/ADDIGANAHALLI/10A	Muniyamma W/o Munithimmaiaha	24		20.15
11	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/01A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	25	303.51	13.61
12	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/02A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	25		17.71
13	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/03A	Sarkari Kharabu Thopu	25		45.46
14	C4/R/45/6-7/ADDIGANAHALLI/01A	Kharabu	26	3540.95	159.78
15	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/01A	Kharabu	27	2529.25	31.94
16	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/02A	Kharabu	27		11.68
17	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/03A	Kharabu	27		41.34
18	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/04A	Kharabu	27		23.37
19	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/05	Kharabu	27		6.3
20	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/06	Kharabu	27		17.59
21	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/07	Kharabu	27		7.19
22	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/08	Kharabu	27		3.32
23	C4/R/45/6/ADDIGANAHALLI/09	Kharabu	27		641.64
Village : Rajanukunte Hobli: Hesarughatta Taluk: Yalahanka Distrct : Bengaluru Urban					
24	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/01A	Rathnamma W/o Late Chowdappa	6/1	11482.79	98.12
25	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/02A	Chandrappa K S/o Krishnappa	6/1		52.04
26	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/03A	Narasappa S/o basappa	6/1		29.83
27	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/04A	Govindaraju S/o Gangaraju	6/1		14.84
28	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/05A	Kamalamma W/o G Subramulu	6/1		8.3
29	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/06A	Road	6/1		369.59
30	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/07A	Gopiraju S/o Gangaraju	6/1		103.88
31	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/08A	Hanumegowda S/o R M Hanumanthappa	6/1		8.66
32	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/09A	Krishna Murthy L. S S/o Sri Ramaiah	6/1		72.43
33	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/10A	Road	6/1		36.07
34	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/11A	N R Nagaraju S/o Rama Krishnappa	6/1		55.75
35	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/12A	N R Manjunatha S/o Ramakrishnappa	6/1		1.64
36	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/13A	K Mohith S/o M Krishna K. Kiran S/o M Krishna	6/1		252.23
37	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/14A	Nagarathnamma	6/1		11.93
38	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/15A	1.Lokesh S/o Venkatachalapathi 2.Devaraju S/o Venkatchalapathi 3.Pushparaju S/o Venkatachalapathi	6/1		37.06
39	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/16A	Ranjith Kumar A S S/o Suresh K	6/1		28.67
40	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/17A	1.Lokesh S/o Venkatachalapathi 2.Devaraju S/o Venkatchalapathi 3.Pushparaju S/o Venkatachalapathi	6/1		78.00
41	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/18A	L.S Krishna Murthy S/o P Sriramaiah	6/1		9.38
42	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/19A	L.S Krishna Murthy S/o P Sriramaiah	6/1		15.14
43	C4/R/45/2-5/RAJANAKUNTE/20A	Giriraj R S S/o Late Subbanna & Smt. Chowdamma Padma R V W/o Giriraja R S	6/2	2023.4	105.79
Village : Honnenahalli Hobli: Hesarughatta Taluk: Yalahanka Distrct : Bengaluru Urban					
44	C4/R/44/2-4/HONNENAHALLI/01	Krishnappa S/o Munipathappa	17/2	505.85	52.29
45	C4/R/44/2-4/HONNENAHALLI/02	Krishnappa S/o Lakshmaiah	17/11	101.17	46.50
46	C4/R/44/2-4/HONNENAHALLI/03	M Dorai Murugan S/o Late Murugeshan G	17/14	404.68	7.41
47	C4/R/44/2-4/HONNENAHALLI/04	C V Shekhar S/o K Venkataramanappa	17/15	607.02	62.47
48	C4/R/44/1-2/HONNENAHALLI/01A	D V Pavamana S/o Late D Vamana Murthy	21/1	1821.06	53.14
49	C4/R/44/1-2/HONNENAHALLI/02A	H K Mohan Babu S/o Krishnappa	21/2	1327.35	143.96
50	C4/R/44/1-2/HONNENAHALLI/03A	M Dorai Murugan S/o Late Murugeshan G	21/3	611.06	24.55
Village : Singanayakanahalli Hobli: Yalahanka Taluk: Yalahanka Distrct : Bengaluru Urban					
51	C4/R/43/3-1/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/01A	Road	21/12	5260.84	106.45
52	C4/R/43/3-1/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/02A	Venkatappa	21/12		23.67
53	C4/R/43/3-1/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/03A	Road	21/13	20638.68	35.85
54	C4/R/43/3-1/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/04A	S C Ramachandra Reddy	21/13		29.99
55	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/01A	1.Akkayamma W/o Late Nasimaiah 2.S N Munegowda S/o Late Narasuhaiah 3.N Rajanna S/o Late Narasimiah 4.Thayamma W/o Late S N Gopalagowda	22/1	3035.1	157.2
56	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/02A	S M Rama Krishnappa S/o LAtw Dodda Anjinappa	22/2	5362.01	102.96
57	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/03A	S N Shubha Shankar S/o S B Nanjappa	22/15	2529.25	66.04
58	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/04A	Road	22/15		19.63
59	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/05A	S A Ramakrishnappa S/o Late Dodda Anjinappa	22/16	404.68	24.2
60	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/06A	Road	22/16		12.24
61	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/07A	S A Ramakrishnappa S/o Late Dodda Anjinappa	22/3	3844.46	149.63
62	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/08A	Road	22/3		74.56
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64	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/10A	Road	22/4		50.32
65	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/11A	S M Krishnappa S/o Late Muniyappa & S K Ashok S/o S M Krishnappa	22/8B	2225.74	17.1
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69	C4/R/43-42/1-8/ SINGANAYAKANAHALLI/15A	Anjanappa S/o M B Venkataramanappa	22/11A2		1.61
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The tender details can be downloaded from KPPP portal. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Interested Eligible bidders shall register on KPPP portal to participate in this tender.

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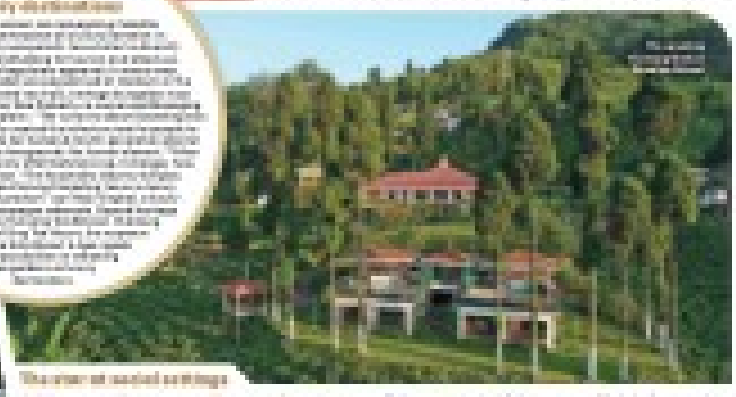

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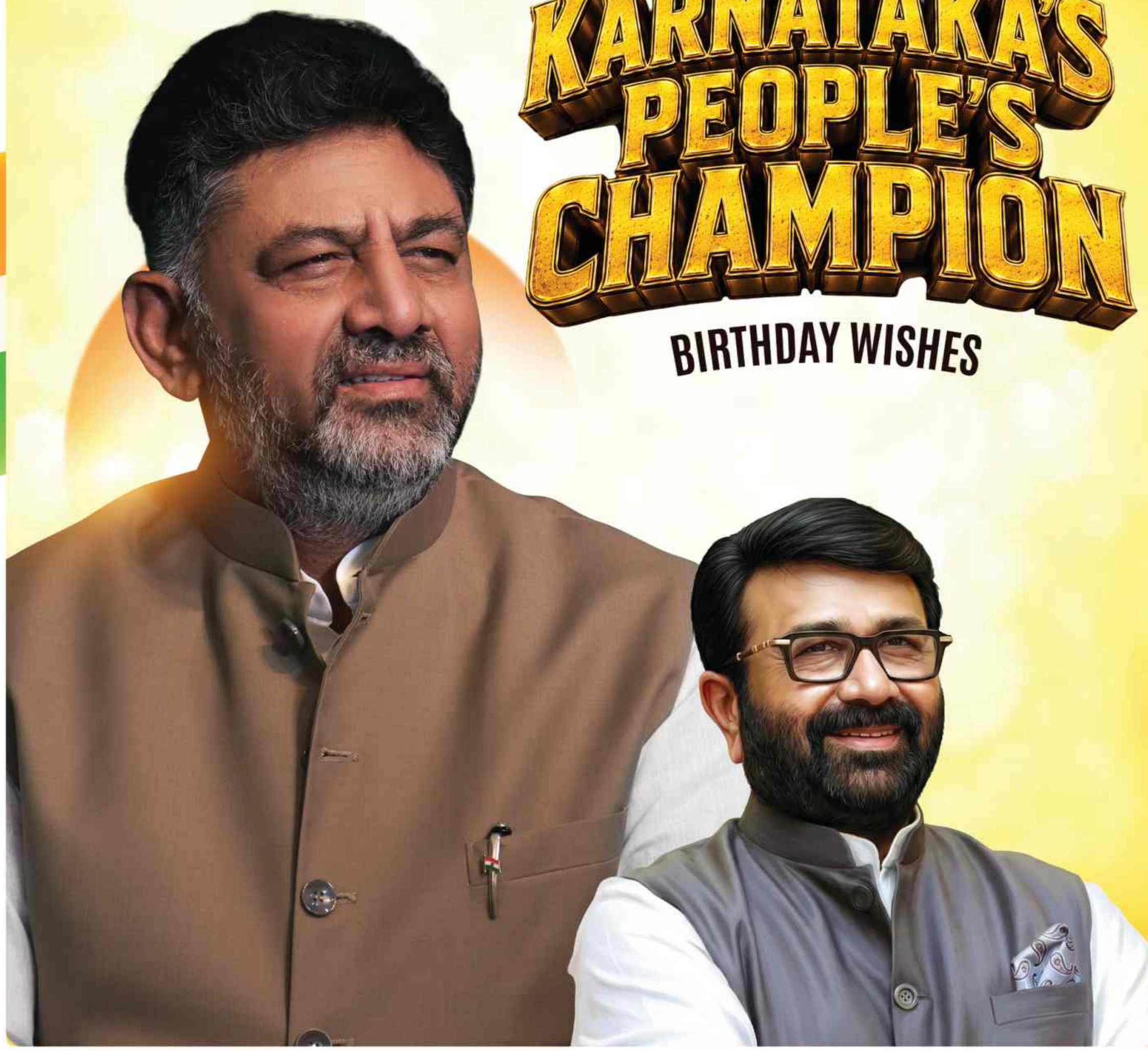

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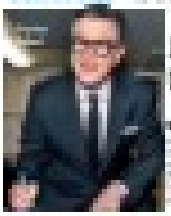

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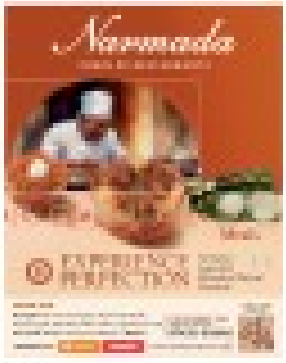

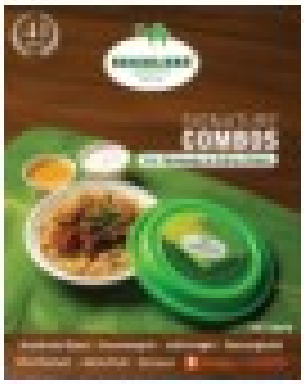

SIR schedule for Himachal, J&K, Ladakh to be announced later

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Andaman and Nicobar saw highest percentage of net purification of electors at 16.6%, followed by UP (13.2%), Gujarat (13.1%), Chhattisgarh (11.3%), West Bengal (10.9%), TN (10.6%), Goa (10.2%), Puducherry (7%), Madhya Pradesh (5.7%), Rajasthan (5.4%), Kerala (2.5%) and Lakshadweep (0.3%).

The poll-bound states/UTs where SIR was completed prior to electoral exercise – Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry – all saw record voter turnouts. EC sources have attributed the high turnouts largely to purification of rolls as a result of SIR. Three of these states — West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala — also witnessed a change in govt.

With the latest phase, the SIR exercise will be completed in all states and UTs except the snow-prone state of Himachal Pradesh and UTs of J&K and Ladakh. SIR schedule for the three states/UTs shall be announced at a later date, after considering completion of Phase-II of Census there and the weather in their upper reaches or snow-bound areas.

CEC Gyanesh Kumar, while launching the latest round of SIR, appealed to all electors to enthusiastically participate in the exercise and fill in their enumeration forms.

"SIR is being conducted with the objective to ensure that only eligible voters are included in electoral rolls and no ineligible names are included," he stated.

Continuing tensions, risks to maritime traffic highlight fragility of situation: EAM

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India has in the past signed on to similar Brics statements against unilateral measures, aimed primarily at the West, choosing to mostly follow UN-authorised actions. However, **Jaishankar**'s remarks seemed designed also to reinforce India's strategic autonomy and its credentials for Global South stewardship as he called for an equitable and inclusive international order, drawing attention to concerns over supply chains disruptions and food and energy insecurity.

While singling out West Asia for special attention, the minister said continuing tensions, risks to maritime traffic, and disruptions to energy infrastructure highlighted the fragility of the situation. "Safe and unimpeded maritime flows through international waterways, including Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea, remain vital for global economic well-being," he said, speaking at a meeting on global and regional issues.

The minister addressed Brics' concerns over the Gaza conflict and its grave humanitarian implications, underscoring the need for a sustained ceasefire, humanitarian access, and a credible pathway towards a durable and peaceful resolution. He also reiterated India's support for a two-state solution for Palestine and the importance of upholding international law.

Jaishankar, however, said that it is important to address similar situation and challenges in countries like Sudan, Libya, Yemen, Lebanon and Syria. "Taken together, they underline a clear reality: stability cannot be selective, and peace cannot be piecemeal. It is essential to uphold international law, protect civilians, and avoid targeting public infrastructure," said the minister, adding that India stood ready to contribute constructively to de-escalation efforts and to support initiatives aimed at restoring stability.

He spoke about the threat from terrorism saying there can be no justification for the menace, and that cross-border terrorism violated the basic principles of international relations. "Zero tolerance must remain an uncompromising and universal norm," he said. Jaishankar expectedly gave vent to India's frustration over the delay in UN reforms, as he said that while challenges were mounting, the multilateral system was weakening.

"The state of the UN, which is at its core, is particularly worrisome. With each passing day, the case for reformed multilateralism only gets stronger. This includes the reform of the UN Security Council in both the permanent and non-permanent categories," he said, adding that continued delay came at a high cost. The main focus of his remarks remained the Global South, as he sought efforts for a more stable, and inclusive international order, saying that the message from these times remained clear: cooperation is key, dialogue is necessary, and reform is overdue.

Cong MP: New law paves way for govt to appoint its 'yes men' to key EC post

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Why should a minister from the Cabinet be part of it? Let us assume the ruling party has 300 MPs. The PM picks 25 of his best. Now you again micromanage it and bring one from the 25. Why? Why do you then include the leader of the opposition? He is ornamental. A minister will never go against the PM. It will always be decided by 2:1. Why this showoff of independence in the body? the bench observed.

The court is examining the validity of a law — CEC and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act — framed after the apex court had passed the order that appointments be done by a panel of PM, CJI and LoP to infuse independence in the process. A bunch of petitions were filed including by Congress functionary from MP Jaya Thakur alleging that the new law amounts to undoing of SC's order and paved the way for govt to appoint its "yes men" to the crucial post.

As deliberations leading to search, selection and appointment of Gyanesh Kumar (now CEC) and S S Sandhu as ECs in 2024 came under scanner, with the petitioner alleging that it was done in a tearing hurry in a day just before the SC's crucial hearing, the bench asked the Centre to bring original records before it. The court further pointed out that it is the executive govt which is at the controlling position in deciding appointments in the poll panel.

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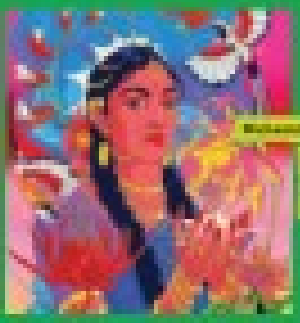

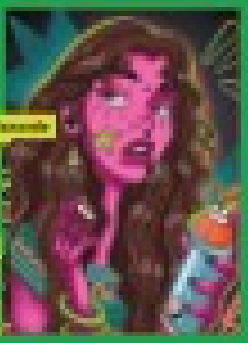

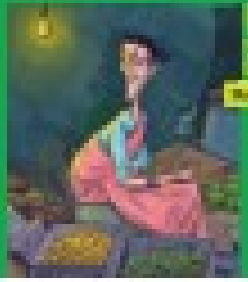

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Delhi mandates 2 days of WFH/wk

Two days of work from home in a week for all departments, curbs on foreign travel for ministers and officials for a year, no new vehicles in the next 6 months, staggered office timings and a Metro Monday. These are part of the measures announced by the Delhi govt adhering to PM Modi's call to adopt austerity measures to reduce fuel use and save foreign exchange. CM Rekha Gupta has asked the private sector, too, to adopt the work-from-home system and urged citizens to voluntarily observe a weekly "no vehicle day" to cut congestion and emissions.

Woman helps BF loot Rs 1.2 cr from father's house

In a shocking case, 21-year-old Areeba allegedly orchestrated an armed robbery at her father's house in Moradabad, UP. Conspiring with her boyfriend Arshad Varsi (27) of eight years and his associates, she planned the heist to secure 1.2 crore in cash and jewellery to fund a life together after her family rejected their relationship. Despite Imran's wife, Seema, their two sons and two daughters being present inside, the intruders bypassed the house's digital security system with ease, showing zero signs of forced entry.

BCI seeks info on Mamata's status as advocate

Hours after ex-CM Mamata Banerjee appeared in an advocate's attire before Calcutta High Court on Thursday, Bar Council of India (BCI) asked West Bengal Bar Council to furnish details of her enrolment as an advocate, whether the licence to practise was kept suspended during her tenure as CM and the date of its revival. BCI principal secretary Srimanto Sen said the details are necessary to determine whether Banerjee is entitled to wear advocate's attire.

CRPF commandos, vehicles used against Maoists move to Manipur

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In Konsakhul village of Kangpokpi, Naga women held a sit-in, saying at least 18 people from Naga and other communities were being held hostage by suspected militants. The local Konsakhul Village Authority said the villagers were abducted from Leilon Vaiphei the previous morning.

Konthoujam said discussions were underway with civil society groups and politicians representing either community to secure the remaining hostages' release. "We have apprised the Union home ministry of the situation. We suspect some people don't want peace to return to Manipur," he said.

PTI

A road blocked with a tree during a shutdown called by Kuki Zo & Naga communities in Churachandpur Thursday to protest against the killing of three church leaders and a civilian on Wednesday

Kuki Inpi Manipur declared a 48-hour bandh across Kangpokpi beginning midnight Thursday while protesters blocked the Imphal-Dimapur route, disrupting movement of goods and passenger vehicles. Markets were deserted, public transport stayed off roads and schools reported sparse attendance. In Churachandpur, roads were empty and businesses shuttered. Chandel Naga People's Organisation separately called a bandh over the killing of Wilson Thanga, a Chiru Naga.

A source in the security establishment said the Union govt was pulling out all stops to "stabilise" Manipur by year-end, with just about three months to go for polls. Five battalions of CRPF's elite CoBRA commandos, specially trained in guerrilla warfare and drawn from Chhattisgarh, are expected to arrive soon, equipped with advanced drones similar to those used in the offensive to break Maoist strongholds.

At least 40 of CRPF's all-terrain light bulletproof vehicles, called Marksman, have already reached Imphal after being deployed in Bengal during elections there. Each vehicle can carry up to six personnel and withstand IED blasts. "These will give the force the much-needed edge in Manipur's difficult terrain," the source said.

He identified "hotspots" as Litan in Ukhrul district, pockets of Imphal East, Saikul in Kangpokpi, Sugnu, Dongyang and Lailoiphai in Churachandpur, and the border town of Moreh.

Myanmar guns ignite Manipur's new flashpoint

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Guwahati: Manipur's ethnic frailties, headlined by three years of Meitei-Kuki conflict, have worsened with the resurgence of Naga-Kuki hostilities in at least two hill districts – this time, with Myanmar-based militia further muddying the waters.

A former chief of the Army's Eastern Command warned that the escalation bears fingerprints of "external agencies", reminiscent of the **1993-98 Kuki-Naga fighting** in which over 1,000 people were killed.

The latest cycle of violence played out Wednesday when three Kuki-Zo church leaders died in an ambush by gunmen in Kangpokpi district. Within hours, a Chiru Naga was shot dead in Noney district in what Naga groups allege was retaliation by Kuki-Zo militants.

The killers in both cases have not been officially identified. The Kuki-Zo community alleges that Zeliangrong United Front, a Naga armed group, was behind the killing of the church leaders. The outfit's Kamson faction has since denied any involvement in the attack.

The fresh Naga-Kuki conflict started in Feb when a Tangkhul Naga was assaulted by a group of Kuki tribesmen during an allegedly drunken brawl at Litan in Ukhrul district. Both sides have suffered in the bloodletting since.

The cross-border dimension has added to the security establishment's headache. Top defence sources confirmed that Myanmar's Kuki National Army-Burma (KNA-B) recently infiltrated Kamjong district and carried out attacks on three Tangkhul Naga villages along the India-Myanmar border on May 7. An abducted Tangkhul woman from Namlee village that day was released last weekend.

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In this image posted on May 8, Army personnel conduct a specialised slithering exercise at Leimakhong Military Station, in Kangpokpi district, Manipur

Village Volunteer Eastern Zone (VVEZ), which represents Kuki Zo community in the eastern hill districts of Manipur, claimed responsibility for the attacks in Namlee, Wangle and Choro villages, saying these were in retaliation to arson targeting Lanchah village in Kamjong district on May 2.

The outfit accused NSCN-K (Yung Aung) and Myanmar-based elements of joining forces in operations against Kuki communities.

Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita (retd), who was GoC-in-C of the Eastern Command at the peak of the Meitei-Kuki conflict, said external elements wanted Nagas drawn into the violence in Manipur. "There are certain parties that do not want Manipur's problems to be resolved. Who exactly constitutes these parties is anybody's guess," he said.

Manipur's demographic divide makes it an ethnic cauldron. The Imphal Valley is home to the Meiteis, who account for 57% of the population. The hills, inhabited by Nagas, Kukis and other tribes, make up the remaining 43%.

₹4L relief for families of deceased

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The thundersqualls were triggered by a western disturbance colliding with localised cyclonic circulations. CM Yogi Adityanath has announced compensation of Rs 4 lakh each for the families of the deceased.

The worst-affected district was Prayagraj, where 23 people died after strong winds uprooted trees, knocked down walls and damaged houses. Mirzapur followed with 19 deaths. Sant Ravidas Nagar recorded 16 casualties and Fatehpur 11. Other districts, including Rae Bareli, Unnao and Budaun, also witnessed significant loss of life.

India Meteorological Department confirmed that wind speeds neared cyclonic levels in several districts. Such winds swept up loose topsoil, turning the system into highly destructive dust storms accompanied by widespread lightning and hail.

Bareilly and Prayagraj reported gusts of up to 130kmph, among the highest recorded in the state in recent years. Chandauli logged winds of 113kmph and Budaun 109kmph . Mirzapur and Rampur recorded 107kmph and Moradabad experienced gusts crossing 102kmph.

The damage to property and livestock was extensive, a big blow in a state that banks heavily on farming and dairy incomes.

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E-mail: dhovijayanagara21@gmail.com
Telephone: 08394-227040
No: DHO/Tender Notification/DH/04/2025-26 Date:13-05-2026
SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
District Health and Family Welfare Officer Vijayanagar inviting short term Re-tender for Providing Various Medical and allied equipment's required for **O.B.G, ORTHOPEDIC, OPTHALMOLOGY, DENTAL & ENT** Department for New 250 Bedded District Hospital of Hosapete under 2024-25 KKRDB fund through e-procurement (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) portal. **(Amount to Put to Tender Rs.141.99Lakhs)(INDENT NUMBER:DHFWS/2025-26/IND2112/Call-2)**
Interested eligible Tenderers can upload the document between **date:13-05-2026 to date: 20-05-2026 time up to 05:00 pm.**
For more information tenderers may contact the office phone number :08394-227040 or in persons during office hours.
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-I-04/2026-27
1. The Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Roads-I, Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : Road works
3. No. of work : 3 Nos.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs.10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : 'A' Class/Special Class/Super Class
6. Available of bid document the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 18.05.2026 to 5.30 PM of 05.06.2026
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt.06.06.2026 at 11.30 A.M.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
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OIPR-34001/34181/1/26-27/0006

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BID IDENTIFICATION NO - P&C/ EST/ E - 04/ 2026-27
NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL OF GOVT. OF ODISHA
Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) invites technical and financial proposals from eligible bidders for **"Selection of Internal Auditor for IDCO for the Financial Year 2026-27".** The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) document can be downloaded from e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha from **05:00 PM of 18.05.2026.** The last date of receipt of technical and financial bids through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha is **04.06.2026 till 05:00 PM.**
The technical bids will be opened online on **05.06.2026 at 12.30 PM.** IDCO has the right to accept or reject the Notice/ RFP without assigning any reasons thereof.
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OIPR-4001/4075/1/26-27/0025

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH
AT/PO- SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-770020
E-mail address- serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com
No. Tender Online - RWCCESNG-03 of 2026-27 Letter No. 2793 Dtd. 13/05/2026
e-Procurement NOTICE
1. Type of the Work : Bridge Work (SBY)
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Estimated Cost : As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
6. Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG-03 of 2026-27	21.05.2026 11:00 AM	11.06.2026 5:00 PM	10.06.2026 5:00 PM	12.06.2026 11:00 AM	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh**
OIPR-25001/25133/1/26-27/0005

34001/196/2627
Government of Odisha, e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.Dkl.(R&B) 02/2026-27 Email Id- sedklpwd@gmail.com
Letter No. 1018 /Dt. 13.05.2026
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2. No of works : 01 (One) No
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 4.00 Crore (as given in column No. 03 of table)**
4. Cost of tender paper : Rs. 10,000.00
5. Class of contractor : 'A' Class **(as given in column No. 07 of table)**
6. Period of Completion of work : 07 (Seven) calendar months **(as given in column No. 08 of table)**
7. Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website : From Dt.19.05.2026 to 5.00 P.M. of Dt.02.06.2026
8. Date of opening of bid : Dt. 03.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.
The bidders have to participate in ONLINE biding only further details can be seen from the e- Procurement Portal: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
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Urban Development and Housing Department
1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna–800015
(Tel:0612-2215580,2215385;Fax:2217059,2231566;
Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in, Website:https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban
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SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
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3	Date, time and link for Pre bid meeting	21st May 2026, 03:00 PM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, Vikas Bhawan, Bailey Road Patna, Pin-800015 Link: Webex – https://urbansec.webex.com/urbansec/j.php?MTID=mba984f7d6fdc33a9dceb42a36c875501 Meeting ID: 25114051055 Password: 12345
4	Last date and time for Submission of Technical Proposal on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in	16th June 2026 up to 07:00 PM
5	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (**Tender fee, payment proof, original copy of affidavit, Blacklisting and Power of Attorney as per RFP document**)	17th June 2026 up to 03:00 PM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, Vikas Bhawan, Bailey Road Patna, Pin-800015
6	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	17th June 2026 at 03:30 PM
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(BC Backlog (Carryforward))
Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor Positions for BC Backlog (Carryforward) Vacancies
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Cadre	BC-A	BC-B	TOTAL
Assistant Professor	1	2	3

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• Receiving of the online applications will commence from 18.05.2026
• The last date for submission of online application is 08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST)
• The last date for submitting a hard copy of the application (already submitted online), along with the self-attested relevant documents is 15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever. University Call Centre: 95424 87999 from 10.00 am to 05.00 pm
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MACHILIPATNAM-521 004, KRISHNA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.
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Assistant Professor	11	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	27

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Cadre	BC-A	TOTAL
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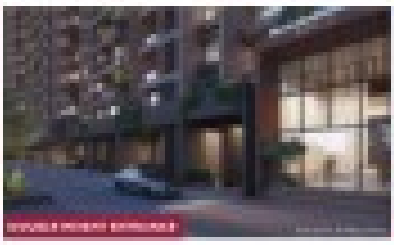

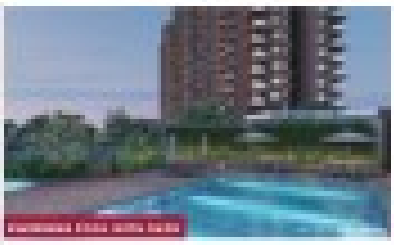

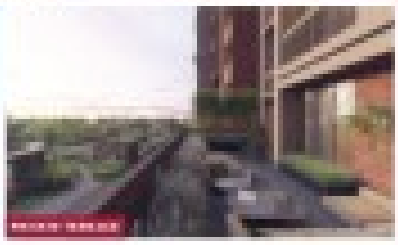

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V D Satheesan, pragmatic mass leader who swears by 'Nehruvian left' ideals

VD's Stand On Crimes Against Women Boosted His Credibility Among Voters

Meeting also attended by Priyanka picked VD as CM

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VD Satheesan possesses the political acumen of K Karunakaran, the erudition of Panampilly Govinda Menon, and the people-connect of Oommen Chandy. The comparison with CPM leader V S Achuthanandan, though, may not be entirely correct because VD seems to be more of a pragmatic leader, capable of imbibing the multicultural diversity of Kerala.

Before the poll campaign began, he took a calculated risk by vowing to go into political exile if UDF did not come to power. He also made what seemed to be an improbable prediction that the Congress-led front would win 100-plus seats, and that a dozen ministers in LDF govt would lose from their respective constituencies.

Making such predictions is fraught with risks in the digital age, with netizens and trolls merciless in mocking if the claims go wrong. But, the fact that all these predictions came true points to VD's confidence in his microplanning and strategic poll management.

Although he rode high on the anti-Pinarayi Vijayan wave that made the victory much easier, his masterstroke was the quiet social engineering he undertook after becoming the opposition leader in 2021.

The minority votes — Muslims and Christians — form around 44%, without which no party can dream of coming to power, had shifted base to LDF during the first Pinarayi govt. VD took great efforts to regain their trust, touching a deep chord with the cultural moorings of the communities through a yearlong talk series based on the Quran and the Bible. What made his task easier at the same time was LDF's strategic mistake of appeasing Hindu votes after losing heavily in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, which was attributed to their bold stand on women's entry at Sabarimala temple.

VD's principled stand on crimes against women enhanced his credibility, especially among the female voters. When Congress MLA Rahul Mamkootathil was accused of rape and sexual assault, VD acted immediately and suspended — and later expelled — him.

A graduate in sociology and master's degree holder in law, VD began practice in Kerala high court. In 1996, he contested from North Paravur, then a CPM stronghold. He lost by a slim margin, but continued to work doggedly, tasting victory in 2001. He never looked back, winning six times from the constituency.

VD's intervention on environmental issues, even taking a stand against the official party line and supporting the Madhav Gadgil report, earned him the 'Green MLA' tag. His claim that he represents the real Nehruvian left was received well among left fellow-travellers, who felt the void after the Achuthanandan era of activism.

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In the final lap, sources said, KC Venugopal lost out. The Kharge-Rahul chat eliminated the powerful AICC manager and Rahul confidant. And barely had any time passed that he too, was said to have realised the disappointing turn of events — the first but fatal blow since Venugopal entered the race after maximum MLAs backed him in front of AICC observers on May 7.

But his elimination hadn't necessarily sealed the deal that could be conveyed down the ranks. Here, Ramesh Chennithala, who was always the "compromise" pole of the three-way race, remained a possibility.

All eyes were on Thursday morning when the decision was to be made public.

At 10 am, Rahul called Venugopal for a chat at his Sunehri Bagh residence, and they were closeted for over one hour, which included Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. There, the confidant was apparently told about the "decision making process" — a shorthand for factors that had resulted in picking Satheesan ahead of him.

The deal, however, was still limited to the charmed circle. Even party managers who were to go to Kerala did not know if it was going to be Satheesan or Chennithala.

A half an hour later, Kharge called a meeting of AICC state incharge Deepa Dasmunsi and state observers Ajay Maken and Mukul Wasnik at his residence. There, the final plan was unveiled, and passed for public dissemination.

Venugopal was out. But it was a straight leap at the generational makeover of the state leadership. There would be no midway, "compromise" candidate in Chennithala. Calls apparently went out to mollify the veteran.

A press conference was scheduled for half an hour later, at 12 pm. And there, Maken, Dasmunsi, Wasnik and Jairam Ramesh announced it was Satheesan.

"Public sentiment" became the battle cry of the pro-Satheesan brigade of partisans and commoners as the lobbying for CMship played out in the streets and on social media over nine days. The same argument was made by allies IUML as also RSP and Kerala Congress, who questioned the sole reliance on the criteria of support among MLAs. Rahul and Priyanka were flooded with emails, with even references to the latter's LS seat of Wayanad that has a robust IUML votebase. The all-round momentum for Satheesan could not be ignored.

And when Rahul, instead of closing the consultations, decided to pick the minds of more state colleagues, Satheesan was clearly in serious reckoning.

Delhi rape case: Victim's statement recorded

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Delhi police denied that she was sexually assaulted in a moving vehicle.

Senior police officers reached the spot soon after and arrested the two accused from the location. The woman was taken for medical examination following which the FIR was registered under Sections 64 (rape), 70 (gang rape) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Both accused were later produced before a court and sent to judicial custody.

Police said the claims made by the accused are being verified and all angles are being examined as part of the investigation. The victim's statement has also been recorded in court under Section 164 of the CrPC. Police are examining the sequence of events and will be looking at CCTV footage to examine the route taken by the bus and the background of the accused. The vehicle allegedly used in the crime has been seized and a forensic examination has been conducted for evidence.

The National Commission for Women has written to Delhi Police chief, directing strict, and time-bound action in the matter.

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दूसरा जनरल एडमिशन ड्राइव पी.एच.डी. कार्यक्रम में प्रवेश के लिए
(अगस्त 2026 सत्र)

नैनो विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईएनएसटी) अभ्यर्थियों से अगस्त 2026 सत्र के लिए पीएच.डी. कार्यक्रम में प्रवेश हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है। यह प्रवेश ईईयू (EEU), क्यूमैड (QMaD) और सीबीयू (CBU) इकाइयों में केमिकल साइंस, फिजिकल साइंस, बायोलॉजिकल साइंस, फार्मा और एग्री साइंस से संबंधित क्षेत्रों के लिए है।

पात्रता मानदंड :–

अभ्यर्थियों के पास निम्नलिखित योग्यताएँ होना आवश्यक है :–
1. बेसिक या एप्लाइड साइंस, इंजीनियरिंग अथवा संबंधित क्षेत्रों में एम.एससी. या एम.फार्म./ एम.टैक. की डिग्री। वे छात्र भी पात्र होंगे जिन्होंने अंतिम वर्ष/ सेमेस्टर की परीक्षा दी है, बशर्ते कि प्रवेश के समय तक उन्हें डिग्री प्राप्त हो जाए।
2. अभ्यर्थी ने कम–से–कम एक राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा जैसे – GATE/GPAT/JEST/CSIR/ UGC-NET, (TIFR/NCBS), ICMR-JRF, DBT-JRF अथवा DST-INSPIRE उत्तीर्ण की हो।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए अभ्यर्थी संस्थान की वेबसाइट **(https://inst.ac.in/careers/42)** पर देखें।

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
Department of Regulation, Regional Office, Bengaluru
www.rbi.org.in

Public Notice

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 45-IA (6) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 ('the Act'), the Reserve Bank of India, by its order dated April 27, 2026, has cancelled the Certificate of Registration No. B-02.00161 dated December 30, 2016, issued to M/s Kallarakkal Fincorp Private Limited (CIN - U65910KA1994PTC015617), having its Registered Office at #1101, Cabin No. 311/B, 3rd Floor, 24th Main, J P Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 078, for carrying on the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution as defined in Section 45-I(a) of the Act. The company therefore cannot carry on the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution under the Act.

2. A list containing the names of Non-Banking Financial Companies whose Certificate of Registration have been cancelled is published in the official website of the Reserve Bank of India, https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_NBFCList.aspx, and the same is being updated regularly.

This is issued in public interest.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Date: May 15, 2026 **General Manager**

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
विनियमन विभाग, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, बेंगलूरु
www.rbi.org.in

सार्वजनिक सूचना

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक अधिनियम, 1934 ('अधिनियम') की धारा 45-आईए (6) के अंतर्गत प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने अपने 27 अप्रैल 2026 के आदेश द्वारा, मेसर्स कल्लरक्कल फिनकॉर्प प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (सीआईएन - U65910KA1994PTC015617), जिसका पंजीकृत कार्यालय #1101, कैबिन नंबर 311/B, तीसरी मंजिल, 24वीं मुख्य, जे पी नगर, पहला चरण, बैंगलोर, कर्नाटक – 560 078 में है, को जारी किया गया पंजीकरण प्रमाणपत्र संख्या बी-02.00161, जिसकी तारीख 30 दिसंबर 2016 है, रद्द कर दिया है, जिसके अंतर्गत यह कंपनी अधिनियम की धारा 45-आई (ए) में परिभाषित गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय संस्था के रूप में व्यवसाय करती थी। अतः यह कंपनी अधिनियम के तहत गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय संस्था के रूप में व्यवसाय नहीं कर सकती है।

2. उन गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनियों के पंजीकरण प्रमाणपत्र रद्द कर दिए गए हैं, उनकी सूची, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक की आधिकारिक वेबसाइट, https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_NBFCList.aspx पर प्रकाशित की जाती है, और इसे नियमित रूप से अद्यतन किया जा रहा है।

इसे जनहित में जारी किया गया है।

स्थान: बेंगलूरु **हस्ता/-**
दिनांक: 15 मई 2026 **महाप्रबंधक**

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd.

Gandhi Block, SwasthyaBhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005 (Raj.)
Phone No: 0141-2228066, 2228064, Website: http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
E-mail :edpssrmsc@rajasthan.gov.in

Ref. No. :- F.02 (216)/RMSCL/Proc./S&S/NIB-11/2026/1103 Dated :- 12/05/2026

Corrigendum-II in NIB-11/2026

In Reference to NIB No.Ref. No.: F.02 (216)/RMSCL/Proc./S&S/NIB-11/2026/1030 Dated:- 22.04.2026 UBN No.MSC2627GLRC00006 Corrigendum-I is issued for date extension in bid document. All details may be seen on **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in &** **https://www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Executive Director (Proc.)
RMSCL

Raj.Samwad/C/26/2804

राजस्थान राज्य भण्डारव्यवस्था निगम

No. :- HO/PD/F2(1)/H&T Policy/2026-28/914 Date :- 06/05/2026

Notice Inviting BID

Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation invites online bids under two-bid system from experienced eligible bidders for entering into a Rate Contract for Handling and Transport work and allied operations in 106 warehouses of Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation for a period of two years, as per the description mentioned in the bid document.

All technical bid shall be open at Head Office, Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation, Bhawani Singh Road, Jaipur as mentioned in Bid Document.

Details of this bid may be seen on the procurement portal **(http://eprocrajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** and the website of RSWC **(www.agriculture.rajasthan.gov.in/rswc).**

UBN : SWC2627SLRC00029 to SWC2627SLRC00134

Joint Director (Dev.)

राज.संवाद/सी/26/2781

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

HOD-C&I, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of:

1	Tender Enquiry No. 155/GATP/IT/DESKTOP/60001831 dated 14/05/2026 **"Purchase of 40 Desktops" Area of 2 x 270 MW Thermal Power Plant GATP, Goindwal Sahib"** at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications."

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 14/05/2026 from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

GATP-48/26, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2026-27/11493

REVENUE COMMISSIONERATE, REVENUE DEPARTMENT

BHOOMI MONITORING CELL

1st floor SSLR Building, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001.
E-mail: bhoomi.bmc01@gmail.com Phone: 080-22113255

No: BMC/2026-27/IND0031 Date: 14/05/2026

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for procurement of **ENTERPRISE GPU SERVER** to Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Revenue Department, Karnataka. The last date for uploading filled tender form through KPP Portal is **29/05/2026 by 5.29 P.M.** Details regarding terms and conditions are available at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/CP/SMCL/672/2026-27

Sd/- Assistant Commissioner (Incharge),
Bhoomi Monitoring Cell, Revenue Department

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING e-BIDs

PROCUREMENT-2/NIB-01/2026-27/BN-9016002601 to BN-9016002602

Online e-bids are invited from interested bidders as detailed below:-

1. Purchase of EHV Grade-I Transformer Oil (BN-9016002601, UBN-VPN2627GLO800378).
2. Purchase of 36kV 2000/1250/800A with and w/o EB (Motorised) Isolator on Rate Contract Basis for 2 Years (BN-9016002602, UBN- VPN2627GLRC00379).

The detailed NIB and Bid document /specification are available for viewing/downloading on the website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** Details of NIB are available on website **energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl.**

Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in; energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl &** **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** only.

Superintending Engineer (Proc-II)

Raj.Samwad/C/26/2786 R.R.V.P.N./TR-7562/2026

DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

VIBHUTI KHAND, GOMTI NAGAR, LUCKNOW- 226 010
Phones: 0522-4918503, 4918510 Extn-2109, Fax- 0522-4918506
Website: www.drrmlims.ac.in

E-bid Ref no: 1590/RMLIMS/HRF/Endo/TC-01/2026-27 Dated: 15.05.2026

e-Bid Notice

E- Bids are invited under **Two Bid System** - (1) Technical Bid and (2) Price Bid - from reputed and genuine **Manufacturers /Importers/Sole Marketers only** for entering into a **Rate Contract** for the **Supply of Microwave Therapeutic System Antenna** for a period of **two years. Tender Reference:** 1590 /RMLIMS/HRF/Endo/TC-01/2026-27 Detailed terms and conditions including Tender Fee, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), specifications, and other requirements are available in the e-Bid documents. The tender documents will be uploaded on the e-Tender portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** and the institute's official website **https://www.drrmlims.ac.in.**

Bids shall be submitted **online only** on the e-Tender portal along with all required documents as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.

Important Dates:

Last Date & Time for Submission of e-Bid : 06.06.2026 up to 1600 hrs

Pre bid meeting: 18.05.2026 at 1500 hrs

Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 08.06.2026 at 1200 hrs

The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any bid(s) in part or in full without assigning any reason thereof and to cancel the bidding process at any stage.

Director

GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY

Office of the Executive Engineer-2,
Project Implementation Unit, 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru - 560011.

No:EE-2/GBA/PIU/TEND/COR-01/2026-27 Date: 13-05-2026

CORRIGENDUM-1

(Through GOK KPP Portal Only) (Invitation for Pre Qualification Tender)

Name of Work: "Upgradation of Project Implementation Unit (PIU) GBA Office at 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, Jayanagara, Bengaluru".

Reference: Pre Qualification Tender No: **EE-2/GBA/PIU/TEND/03/2026-27 Date: 05-05-2026**

This is to notify that **Due to Technical Reasons**, the calendar of events has been changed be read as below.

1) Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 14-05-2026. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **18-05-2026 at 4.00 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer-2, Project Implementation Unit, 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru - 560011. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **25-05-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **26-05-2026 at 4.30 PM.** All other terms and Conditions of the notification remains the same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-2, Project Implementation Unit, GBA.

Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road,
Bangalore – 560079. Phone: +91-80-29619801, Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No: KSMSCL/EQPT/HFW/NQAS/TND/01/2026-27 Date: 14.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref. Tender Notification No:

1. **KSMSCL/2026-27/IND0396 Date: 14.05.2026**
2. **KSMSCL/2026-27/SE0033 Date: 14.05.2026**

Nationwide Tender is invited through **e-Tendering system** under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

1. **TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT UNDER QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME-IND 0396"**
2. **PROCUREMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES TO KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED AND WARE HOUSES-SE0033**

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/-
General Manager (A&P)
KSMSCL, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/676/SSC/2026-27

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
e-Mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in Website: www.bmrc.co.in

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to the **public at large that 33kV cables running along the BMRCL underground and 750V DC Third Rail laid on the underground section** at the following locations will be in charged condition with effect from **18.05.2026:**

(i) BMRCL's Reach-6 Underground Section Between **Langford Town TSS/ASS Station to Pottery Town TSS/ ASS Station** (Langford Town TSS/ASS to Rashtriya Military School ASS, Rashtriya Military School ASS to M.G Road TSS/ASS, M.G Road TSS/ASS to Shivaji Nagar TSS/ASS, Shivaji Nagar TSS/ASS to Cantonment Railway Station TSS/ ASS, Cantonment Railway Station TSS/ASS to Pottery Town TSS/ASS) will be charged progressively **from 18.05.2025.**

Any direct contact with 750V DC Third Rail or 33kV cables could be Fatal. Hence public at large are cautioned not to enter the underground in these areas without authorization. BMRCL will not be responsible for any injury or casualty arising out of this unauthorized act.

This is issued in the interest of Public Safety.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Traction), BMRCL

DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

VIBHUTI KHAND, GOMTI NAGAR, LUCKNOW-226 010
Phones: 0522-4918503, 4918510 Extn-2109, Fax- 0522-4918506
Website: www.drrmlims.ac.in, E-mail id: tender.hrf@drrmlims.ac.in

E-bid Ref no: 1593 RMLIMS/HRF/Optha/TC-04/2026-27 Dated: 15.05.2026

e-Bid Notice

E- Bids are invited under **Two Bid System** - (1) Technical Bid and (2) Price Bid - from reputed and genuine **Manufacturers /Importers/Sole Marketers only** for entering into a **Rate Contract** for the **Supply of Ophthalmology Surgical Consumables of department of ophthalmology** for a period of **two years. Tender Reference:** 1593 RMLIMS/HRF/Optha/TC-04/2026-27 Detailed terms and conditions including Tender Fee, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), specifications, and other requirements are available in the e-Bid documents. The tender documents will be uploaded on the e-Tender portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** and the institute's official website **https://www.drrmlims.ac.in.**

Bids shall be submitted **online only** on the e-Tender portal along with all required documents as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.

Important Dates:

Last Date & Time for Submission of e-Bid : 06.06.2026 up to 1600 hrs

Pre bid meeting: 18.05.2026 at 1300 hrs

Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 08.06.2026 at 1200 hrs

The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any bid(s) in part or in full without assigning any reason thereof and to cancel the bidding process at any stage.

Director

SRI JAYADEVA INSTITUTE OF CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCES & RESEARCH

(Govt. of Karnataka Regd. Autonomous & NABH Accredited Institute)
Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore – 560069. Ph.: 080 22977400 / 500 / 600
E-mail: director@jayadevacardiology.com Website: www.jayadevacardiology.com

REF: SJICS&R/ACCTS/FD/2026-27 DATE: 14.05.2026

e-AUCTION

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru invites tender in single bid system from eligible tenders through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka for investment of surplus funds as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Auction Notice No. & Date	Particulars
1	SJICR/2026-27/ AUCTION-024 Dtd.14.05.2026	e-Auction for Investment of surplus funds of Rs. 77.1135 Crores of SJICR for One Year

The tenderers can download the documents from **https:/ kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **15.05.2026** and the last date and time to confirm participation of interest in e-Auction is on **19.05.2026 upto 4:00 P.M.**

1. Date of Technical Bid Opening : **20.05.2026 at 4.00 PM**
2. EMD : **Rs.5,000.00** for each.
3. Live Bidding (e-Auction): commences at **10:00 AM** and concludes at **03:00 PM on 22.05.2026**.
4. For further details, please visit our website: **www. jayadevacardiology.com**
5. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

Sd/-,
DIRECTOR

DIPR/CP/LC/677/2026-27

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

6th Floor, 2nd Gate, M.S. Building
Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

No.: ED 18 UNE 2026 Date: 14.05.2026

SELECTION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO THE DAVANGERE UNIVERSITY, DAVANGERE.

Invitation of Application for the Post of Vice-Chancellor, Davangere University, Davangere as per Section 14(2) of Karnataka State University Act, 2000.

The Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka invites Application for the Post of Vice-Chancellor, Davangere University, Davangere. The application should be submitted within Thirty Days (30) from the date of this Notification. The detailed application form and the further details are available on Higher Education Department website **https://hed.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary to Government (Universities)
Department of Higher Education

DIPR/CP/651/SA/2026-27

DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

VIBHUTI KHAND, GOMTI NAGAR, LUCKNOW- 226 010
Phones: 0522-4918503, 4918510 Extn-2109, Fax: 0522-4918506
Website: www.drrmlims.ac.in

E-bid Ref no: 1592/RMLIMS/HRF/Surgical Consumable (Dental)/TC-03/26-2027 Dated: 15.05.2026

e-Bid Notice

E- Bids are invited under **Two Bid System** - (1) Technical Bid and (2) Price Bid - from reputed and genuine **Manufacturers /Importers/Sole Marketers only** for entering into a **Rate Contract** for the **Supply of Dental Surgical Consumable** for a period of **two years. Tender Reference:** 1592/RMLIMS/HRF /Surgical Consumable (Dental)/TC-03/26-2027 Detailed terms and conditions including Tender Fee, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), specifications, and other requirements are available in the e-Bid documents. The tender documents will be uploaded on the e-Tender portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** and the institute's official website **https://www.drrmlims.ac.in.**

Bids shall be submitted **online only** on the e-Tender portal along with all required documents as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document.

Important Dates:

Last Date & Time for Submission of e-Bid : 06.06.2026 up to 1600 hrs

Pre bid meeting: 18.05.2026 at 1400 hrs

Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 08.06.2026 at 1200 hrs

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Director

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

For & on behalf of President of India, Chief Engineer (CON)/II/Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites e-tender for the following work : Following tender has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** The tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. **Sl. No., e-Tender Notice No. & Brief Description of Works** are as follows : **1. 4623-GRC-CE-C-SO-07-2026.** Execution of Service Building, Boundary Wall, Side Drain, Road Works, Area Development by Earth Filling, P.Way Works, Ballast Supply and other allied miscellaneous works in Augmentation of Wagon POH Capacity of Kharagpur Workshop from 550 to 750 Wagons per month under jurisdiction of Dy CE/Con/II/Kharagpur, S.E. Railway. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 40.07 Crore, **Bid Security :** ₹ 80,13,800/-. **Completion Period :** 18 months. **2. 4590-GRC-CE-C-01-22-2026.** Composite work for Capacity Augmentation of ELS/BKSC to increase the homing capacity-Up to 300 locos (Ph-I) at ELS/BKSC, Creation of Advance maintenance facilities for Electric locomotives at ELS/BKSC & Creation of Trip Shed at ELS/BKSC-Execution of Earthwork in Formation & Cutting including P.Way Linking Work with Ballasting including Loop Lines & Siding, Construction of Sheds & Service Building, Road & Platform, Circulating Area including other related work, including Mechanical, S&T and Electrical work in Bokaro of S.E. Railway. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 65.63 Crore, **Bid Security :** ₹ 1,31,26,900/-. **Completion Period :** 18 months. **3. 4631-GRC-CE-C-01-24-2026.** Composite work for Execution of earthwork in Formation & Cutting, Construction of Minor Bridges, New Platform, Extension of FOB, P.Way Track Linking Works, supply of Ballast, EI Building, other service Buildings, Approach road, side drains, Protection works, shifting of ART/ARME location etc. complete in connection with the Yard Remodeling works at Bokaro Steel City station yard including electrical works as per the approved ESP & SIP in Adra Division of S.E. Railway. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 36.61 Crore, **Bid Security :** ₹ 73,21,500/- **Completion Period :** 12 months. **Closing Date :** 10.06.2026 for each. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ description/ specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB :** "Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders." **(PR-170)**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA

email - serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter NO. : 2200 Date: 11.05.2026

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH GePNIC e_PROCUREMENT NOTICE

1. Name of the work : Construction of Road Works - 08 Nos.
2. Class of contractor : "B" Class & "A" Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3. Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs. 112.61 Lakhs to Rs. 310.96 Lakhs (Approximately)
4. Details of projects : As per Annexure attached :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCS BD-Online-14/2026-27	18.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	08.06.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	06.06.2026 up to 2.00 P.M.	09.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the website **https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

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34001/200/2627

Mail ID: sepwdsbp@rediffmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
NORTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE SAMBALPUR

e - Procurement

BID IDENTIFICATION No. CCENC (R AND B)/01/2026-27

No. 2194 Dtd. 11-05-2026

1. The **Chief Construction Engineer, Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **Percentage Rate** bids in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for the construction of **Road Works and Bridge works** as detailed in the DTCN from the eligible class of contractors.
2. No of works: **(05 Nos) (Road Works and Bridge works)**
3. Tender Cost: **Rs. 10,000/-**
4. Class of contractor: **"B" Class, "A" Class and "Special" Class**
5. Date & Time of available in website & receipt of Bids From **18.05.2026 to 17.00 Hours of 03.06.2026.**
6. Date of opening of Technical Bid **04.06.2026 at 11.00 Hours.**
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**
8. Any corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur

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ଗ୍ରାମ୍ୟ ନିର୍ମାଣ ମଣ୍ଡଳ, ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର
(ଗ୍ରାମ / ପୋଃ- ଆମ୍ବାପୁଆ, ଆୟକର ଭବନ ନିକଟରେ, ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର - ୭୬୦୦୧୧, ଗଞ୍ଜାମ, ଓଡିଶା

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

(At/Po - Ambapua, Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011, Ganjam, Odisha)

(E-Mail : serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel No. : 0680-2404287)

E-Mail / E-Despatch

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. Online Tender /05-2026-27/BPR

Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 05-2026-27/BPR	Buildings Works (Block Level Stadium)	04 Nos	From Rs. 895.99 to Rs. 981.77 Lakhs	"A" Class & "Special" Class as applicable	15 (Fifteen) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur	Online Tender/05-2026-27/BPR	19.05.2026 at 10.00 A.M.	04.06.2026 upto 5.30 P.M.

(i) EMD/Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.

Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website : **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
R.W.Circle, Berhampur

OIPR-25001/25071/1/26-27/0005

Government of Karnataka
FOREST, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Karnataka Government Secretariat, M.S. Building Bangalore
Ph : 080-22032275 / 22032290

No. FEE 50 ENG 2026 Date: 14.05.2026

NOTIFICATION

Invitation of applications/nominations for the State Environment Award 2025-26.

Applications/Nominations are invited for **the Karnataka State Environment awards for the year 2025-26.** The award will be conferred with a cash prize of Rupees one lakh and a citation on individuals and organizations (Public Sectors, NGOs, Companies/Trusts) in recognition of their outstanding contribution made for environment protection and environment management. Last date for receipt of applications/nominations is **25.05.2026.** Applications can be submitted to The Principal Secretary (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, Multi Storied Building, 4th Stage, Bangalore. Details can be had from offices of all the Deputy Commissioners, Chief Executive Officers, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, No. 49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. The Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI), 'Hasiru Bhavana', Doresanipalya Forest Campus, Vinayakanagara Circle, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore 560 078, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Ground Floor, Vanavikas, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-03 and the websites

https://forest.karnataka.gov.in https://empri.karnataka.gov.in
https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in https://kbb.karnataka.gov.in

(S.N: Applications received for Environment Award will not be returned back to the applicants). Duly completed applications must be submitted through ordinary post/registered post/Speed post or courier. Applications brought personally by the applicant or his/her relative or person known to the applicant will not be accepted by the department.

Sd/-
B.N. ANAND
Under Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department

DIPR/CP/668/SSC/2026-27

Fakir Mohan University

Vyasa Vihar, Nuapadhi, Balasore, Pin-756089
email: hkmahatablibraryfmu@gmail.com

No: FMU-LIB-117/2026/4424 Date. 14/05/2026

TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS

Fakir Mohan University invites sealed tenders in two bid systems from reputed/ leading publishers & suppliers/ distributors/ firms for supply of books and journals to Dr. H. K. Mahatab Library of the University. The firms interested to supply either books or journals or both as per the terms and conditions of this University should apply in prescribed format meant for each category (category 1- Books and category 2- Journals) separately as available in the University website: **https://fmuniversity.nic.in/** and also pay the requisite application fees and EMD separately on or before **17th June, 2026 by 5 p.m.** Library Purchase Committee has fixed minimum discount of 20% on all types of books of Indian and foreign publications. No minimum discount is fixed at this end for supply of journals during 2026. Financial Bid and technical bid complete in all respect should reach the undersigned by Speed post latest by 5.00 PM of the last date. Incomplete tender papers or Tender received after due time and date will be rejected. The papers will be opened on 18th June, 2026 at 11.30 a.m. The bidders or their authorised representative may remain present during the opening of the technical and financial bids. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all quotation(s) without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute the decision of the University authority shall be final and binding on all bidders.

Sd/-
Registrar
Fakir Mohan University
Vyasa Vihar, Balasore

25001/130/2627

By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID : serwcbaripada@gmail.com
Ph-No-06792-261343/261344
Gangraj, Baripada

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

"e"Procurement Notice for Plan Road Work

Identification No. - Online Tender - Road N.C.B. No. 412 for 2026-27

Letter No 2552/Date : 30.04.2026

1. Name of the work : Road Work in the District of Mayurbhanj for the year 25-26
2. Total No. of Works : 10 Nos. (Ten)
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs. 128.68 lakhs to Rs. 965.60 lakhs** (approximately)
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Last date & time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Road On-line N.C.B. No. **412**	Dt. 18.05.2026 at 11.00 AM	Dt. 02.06.2026 upto 5.00 PM	Dt. 01.06.2026 upto 1.00 PM	Dt. 03.06.2026 at 11.00 AM	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**
- Any Corrigendum /Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only

Sd/-
A.K Naik
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W. Circle, Baripada

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GOVT. OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE
CUTTACK, GANDARPUR-753003

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. CE-DR-CTC- 01/2026-27

email Id:- cedrainage@gmail.com

1.	Name of Works	:	Renovation of Petanalla from RD. 00 M to 2700M with Structures including Balance work of Phase - I in Cuttack City. (From RD 0.00 m (Outfalls) to RD 1090 m (Aswini Hospital Bridge), Reach-III.
2.	Nature of Work	:	1. Earth work 2. Structural work 3. Stone work
3.	Total number of Packages	:	1 no. individual package.
4.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs.1681.71 Lakhs
5.	Bid Identification No.	:	CE-DR-CTC/DD-CTC-01/2026-27
6.	Period of completion	:	18 (Eighteen) Calendar months.
7.	Availability of Tender On - Line.	:	15.05.2026, 16.00 hours to 08.06.2026, 17.00 hours.
8.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid.	:	09.06.2026 at 11.30 A.M. in the O/o the Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack
9.	Class of Contractor	:	"A" & "Special" Class.
10.	Bid Security/EMD	:	Rs. 16,82,000/- (To be remitted online)
11.	Cost of Tender paper	:	Rs.10,000/-
12.	Procurement Officer	:	Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack, Gandarpur-753003

Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.** Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation if any required will be published only in Govt. web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Drainage, Cuttack

OIPR-32001/32466/1/26-27/0003

Government of Maharashtra
Public Works Department
Public Works Division Hingoli

E-Tender Notice No.04 Of 2026-2027

E-Tenders for One (01) works in B-2 SBD form is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Hingoli phone no. 02452 220612 from the registered contractors/Empanel in appropriate class of Public Works Departement of Govt of Maharashtra for the improvement roads/two yearly maintenance of roads/Social Justice and Special Assistant Memorial Construction/repairs of building/construction of new building/Gram vikas works in Dist Hingoli.

The details can be viewed and downloaded from following website.
www.mahapwd.gov.in / https://mahaetenders.gov.in/

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division,
Hingoli

DGIPR/2026-2027/788

VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY
NELLORE-524324, A.P. (INDIA)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC / ST & BC Backlog Associate Professor Vacancies
(Notification No.2/VSU/ Backlog - SC / ST & BC /2026, Date: 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC/ST Backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.:

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Associate Professor	02	-	-	02	04

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Recruitment notification for Associate Professor positions for BC Backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	BC(E)	Total
Associate Professor	02	02	-	-	-	04

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.vsu.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in** Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026.** The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST)**. The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self- attested relevant documents is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.
Date: 15.05.2026, Place: NELLORE **Sd/- REGISTRAR**
University Call Center: +91 9059676703 from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

ACHARYA NAGARJUNA UNIVERSITY
NAGARJUNA NAGAR-522510., Guntur District, A.P.

Limited Recruitment Notification for ST backlog vacancy
(Notification No.1/ANU/Backlog-ST/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadre of ST Backlog Vacancy in the department of Economics & Rural Development on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	01	01

The detailed information of the above post relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.nagarjunauniversity.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in** Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026.** The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST)** The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self- attested relevant documents is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever. University Call Center: **7901482979** from **09:00 AM to 05:00 PM** **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

ANDHRA KESARI UNIVERSITY
ONGOLE-523 001, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for Regular vacancies
(Notification No.1/AKU/Regular/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E	
Assistant Professors	04	01	01	--	01	01	--	--	--	--	--

Total posts: 08

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **https://akuprakasam.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026.**
The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self- attested relevant documents is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.
University Call Center: +91-9490766128 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

YOGI VEMANA UNIVERSITY, KADAPA-516 005 (A.P.) INDIA.
(Notification No.2/YVU/Assoc.Prof.Backlog-SC, ST & BC/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC,ST & BC backlog vacancies (Associate Professors)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the Associate Professors of SC, ST & BC Backlog Vacancies in various departments on direct recruitment basis.

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Associate Professor	03	03	02	04	12

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	Total
Associate Professor	06	03	02	01	12

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, women reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.yvu.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026**
The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
The last date for submission of a hard copy of the application (already submitted online), along with the self-attested relevant documents, is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever
University Call Center: 83749 86734 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

YOGI VEMANA UNIVERSITY, KADAPA-516 005 (A.P.) INDIA.
(Notification No.3/YVU/Assoc.Prof./Regular/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor positions for Regular vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies in various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	TOTAL
		SC-I	SC-II	SC-III		A	B	C	D	E		
Associate Professor	02	01	0	0	0	01	0	0	0	0	0	04

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, women reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.yvu.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026**
The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
The last date for submission of a hard copy of the application (already submitted online), along with the self-attested relevant documents, is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever
University Call Centre: 83749 86734 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

YOGI VEMANA UNIVERSITY, KADAPA-516 005 (A.P.) INDIA.
(Notification No.1/YVU/Asst.Prof.Backlog-SC,ST&BC/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC, ST & BC backlog vacancies (Assistant Professors)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the Assistant Professors of SC, ST & BC Backlog Vacancies in various departments on direct recruitment basis.

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	02	0	01	07	10

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	Total
Assistant Professor	04	01	0	04	09

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, women reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.yvu.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026**
The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
The last date for submission of a hard copy of the application (already submitted online), along with the self-attested relevant documents, is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever
University Call Centre: 83749 86734 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY
VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
(Employment Notification No. S.II(1)/6849/1-790/2026(1), Dated : 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for SC/ST backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following GC/GT Backlog Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC			ST	Total
	I	II	III		
Assistant Professors	0	1	0	0	1

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for BC backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following BC Backlog Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	Total
Assistant Professors	2	1	0	1	0	4

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.andhrauniversity.edu.in**, (or) **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
The filling and submission of applications is from **18-05-2026** and the last date, time for submission of online application is **01-06-2026, 05.00 P.M.** The hard copy of the application along with the self-attested relevant documents should reach on or before **15-06-2026, 05.00 P.M.**
NOTE: 1. The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.
2. For any queries, please contact the University Call Centre between **10.30 A.M. and 05.00 P.M.** at Phone No.**9866416699**, e-mail id: **facultyrecruitment2026@andhrauniversity.edu.in.**
Date: 15.05.2026 **Sd/- Registrar**

Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited (MNGL)
(A JV of GAIL & BPCL)
CIN: U11102PN2006PLC021839
Pride Purple Coronet, 2nd Floor, Above Bata Showroom, Baner Road, Baner, Pune - 411045 (Maharashtra)

WANTED URGENTLY
Plumbers / Gas Technicians for PNG Works

MNGL is engaged in the distribution of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) across Pune city, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Chakan, Talegaon, Hinjewadi and also in the districts of Nashik, Dhule, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra; Ramanagara in Karnataka.

Agencies/Contractors who can provide **Skilled Plumbers for GI piping at heights and copper piping works in kitchen in Residential buildings and Gas Technicians on immediate basis,** may visit at the above-mentioned address with details during Office Hours or email to the below id.

Interested individual Plumbers/Gas Technicians may also visit with their details or email their Resume.

***Attractive incentive schemes are also there.**

For any queries, please email: neeraj@mngl.in or
Contact: 020-25611156

Sd/-
General Manager (C & P)

DRAVIDIAN UNIVERSITY
Srinivasavanam, Kuppam-517 426.

Notification No.3/DU/Regular/Associate Professors and Professors/2026, Dt. 15.05.2026
Recruitment Notification for the posts of Associate Professor and Professors

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Associate Professors and Professors in various departments of the University on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Positions	OC	BC-A	SC-I	Total
Associate Professor	02	-	01	03
Professors	03	01	01	05

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of online application etc., can be obtained from the university website **www.dravidianuniversity.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in.**
The online application process will commence from **18.05.2026.**
The last date for submission of online applications is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 p.m. IST).**
The last date for submission of the hard copy of the application (already submitted online), along with self-attested relevant documents, is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 p.m. IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.
University Help Line: 9908558994 (Timings 10:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M) **Sd/-REGISTRAR I/c**

VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY
NELLORE-524324, A.P. (INDIA)

Recruitment notification for Associate Professors (Regular Vacancies)
(Notification No.4/VSU/Associate Professors / Regular/2026, Date:15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
Associate Professor	08	01	01	-	01	01	01	01	-	-	01	15

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.vsu.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in** Receiving of the online applications will commence from **18.05.2026.** The last date for submission of online application is **08.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST)**. The last date for the submission of hardcopy of application (already submitted online) along with the self- attested relevant documents is **15.06.2026 (by 5.00 pm IST).**
NOTE: The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any of the post(s) without giving any reason whatsoever.
Date: 15.05.2026, Place: NELLORE **Sd/- REGISTRAR**
University Call Center: +91 9059676703 from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY
NELLORE-524324, A.P. (INDIA)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC / ST & BC Backlog Vacancies
(Notification No.1/VSU/ Backlog - SC / ST & BC /2026, Date: 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for SC / ST Backlog Assistant Professor Vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	-	-	-	01	01

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for BC Backlog Assistant Professor Vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	BC(E)	Total
Assistant Professor	01	01	01	-	01	04

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Date: 15.05.2026, Place: NELLORE **Sd/- REGISTRAR**
University Call Center: +91 9059676703 from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM

VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY
NELLORE-524324, A.P. (INDIA)

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professors (Regular Vacancies)
Notification No.3/VSU/Assistant Professors / Regular/2026, Date:15.05.2026

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total
		I	II	III		A	B	C	D	E		
Assistant Professor	09	01	01	01	01	02	01	01	01	01	01	20

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DRAVIDIAN UNIVERSITY
Srinivasavanam, Kuppam-517 426.

Notification No.2/DU/Regular/Asst. Professor/2026, Dt.15.05.2026
Recruitment Notification for the posts of Assistant Professor (Regular)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the posts of Assistant Professors of Regular Vacancies in various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Positions	OC	SC-I	SC-II	BC-A	Total
Assistant Professors	4	1	1	1	7

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University Help Line: 9908558994 (Timings 10:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M) **Sd/-REGISTRAR I/c**

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY ANANTAPUR
ANANTHAPURAMU - 515 002 (A.P.) INDIA

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor (Regular Vacancies)
(Notification No.2/JNTUA/Assistant Professor/Regular/2026, Dt. 15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies of Assistant Professor cadre for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	EWS	Total
Assistant Professor	31	01	05	05	05	06	06	01	05	03	07	75

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University Call Center : 9398424161 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

ACHARYA NAGARJUNA UNIVERSITY
NAGARJUNA NAGAR-522510., Guntur District, A.P.

Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor/Professor positions for Regular vacancies
(Notification No.3/ANU/Associate Professors/Professors/Regular/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadre vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total Posts
		G-I	G-II	G-III		A	B	C	D	E		
Associate Professors	10	01	02	01	01	02	02	01	01	01	02	24
Professors	07	01	01	-	01	01	01	-	-	-	01	13

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ACHARYA NAGARJUNA UNIVERSITY
NAGARJUNA NAGAR-522510., Guntur District, A.P.

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for Regular vacancies
(Notification No.2/ANU/Assistant Professors/Regular/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadre vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC			ST	BC					EWS	Total Posts
		G-I	G-II	G-III		A	B	C	D	E		
Assistant Professors	19	01	03	02	03	03	03	01	03	02	04	44

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY KAKINADA
KAKINADA-533003, Andhra Pradesh (India)
(Established by Andhra Pradesh Act No. 30 of 2008) NAAC 'A+' Accredited

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND PROFESSOR REGULAR VACANCIES
(Notification No.4/JNTUK/Assoc. Prof. & Professor/Regular/2026 Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies of teaching positions in various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Position	OC	BC-A	SC-I	Total
Associate Professor	02	01	01	04
Professor	02	--	01	03

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.jntuk.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
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University Call Center: 0884-2300900 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/- Registrar**

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY
TIRUPATI-517 502 (ANDHRA PRADESH) INDIA

(Notification No. 4/SVU/E. II (2)/ASSOC. PROF. & PROF. /Regular/2026, dated 15.05.2026)
Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor and Professors positions for Regular vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Position	OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC					EWS
						A	B	C	D	E	
Associate Professors	9	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
Professors	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total posts: 1. Associate Professors-21, 2. Professors-03

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.svuniversity.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
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University Call Center: 9493029072 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM **Sd/-REGISTRAR**

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY
TIRUPATI-517 502 (ANDHRA PRADESH) INDIA

(Noftification No. 2/SVU/E. II (2)/ASST. PROF./Regular/2026 Dt : 15.05.2026)
Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor Positions for Regular vacancies

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of Regular Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Position	OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC					EWS
						A	B	C	D	E	
Assistant Professors	36	1	6	5	6	7	8	1	5	3	8

Total posts: 86

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.svuniversity.edu.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
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DRAVIDIAN UNIVERSITY
Srinivasavanam, Kuppam-517 426.

Notification No.1/DU/ Backlog-SC & ST and BC/2026, Dt.15.05.2026
PART-A (SC / ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for the posts of Associate Professor (SC/ST Backlog Vacancies)
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following SC & ST Backlog Vacancies of Associate Professors in various departments of the University on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Positions	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Associate Professors	-	-	01	01	02
Of the above, Horizontal reservation	-	-	-	01 (W)	01 (W)

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Recruitment Notification for the posts of Associate Professor (BC backlog Vacancies)
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following BC Backlog Vacancies of Associate Professors in various departments of the University on direct recruitment basis:

Faculty Positions	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	Total
Associate Professors	02	01	-	-	03
Of the above, Horizontal reservation	02 (W)	01 (W)	-	-	03 (W)

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University Help Line: 9908558994 (Timings 10:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M) **Sd/-REGISTRAR I/c**

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(Notification No. 3/SVU/E. II (2)/ASSOC. PROF. /Backlog - SC & ST, BC/2026 Dt. 15.05.2026)
PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor positions for SC/ST backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of SC & ST Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Associate Professor	-	2	1	7	10

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Limited Recruitment notification for Associate Professor positions for BC backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadres of BC Backlog Vacancies for various departments on direct recruitment basis:

Cadre	BC(A)	BC(B)	BC(C)	BC(D)	BC(E)	Total
Associate Professor	1	2	-	-	-	03

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ANDHRA UNIVERSITY
VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

Recruitment notification for Associate Professor positions for Regular Vacancies
(Employment Notification No.S.II(1)/6849/1-790/2026(1), date 15.05.2026)
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following Regular Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Associate Professors - 29

OC	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	EWS
12	01	02	02	02	03	02	01	01	01	02

The detailed information of the above posts relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **www.andhrauniversity.edu.in**, (or) **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
The filling and submission of applications is from **18-05-2026** and the last date, time for submission of online application is **01-06-2026, 05.00 P.M.** The hard copy of the application along with the self-attested relevant documents should reach on or before **15-06-2026, 05.00 P.M.**
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Date: 15.05.2026 **Sd/- Registrar**

ANDHRA KESARI UNIVERSITY
ONGOLE-523 001, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.

Recruitment Notification for Professor position for Regular Vacancy
(Notification No.2/AKU/Regular/2026, Dt.15.05.2026)

Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following cadre of Regular Vacancy for Physical Education & Sports Sciences department on direct recruitment basis.

Faculty Position	OC	SC	ST	BC					EWS
				A	B	C	D	E	
Professor	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Total posts: 01

The detailed information of the above post relating to qualification, experience, pay scales, reservation, link for submission of filled-in online application etc., can be obtained from the University website: **https://akuprakasam.ac.in** or **https://apuniversitiesrecruitment.apcfss.in**
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ANDHRA UNIVERSITY
VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
(Employment Notification No. S.II(1)/6849/1-790/2026(1), Dated : 15.05.2026)

PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for SC/ST backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following GC/GT Backlog Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	SC			ST	Total
	I	II	III		
Assistant Professors	0	1	0	0	1

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Recruitment Notification for Assistant Professor positions for BC backlog vacancies
Applications in the prescribed format are invited online for the following BC Backlog Vacancies of teaching positions for various Departments on direct recruitment basis.

Cadre	BC-A	BC-B	BC-C	BC-D	BC-E	Total
Assistant Professors	2	1	0	1	0	4

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Date: 15.05.2026 **Sd/- Registrar**

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY
TIRUPATI-517 502 (ANDHRA PRADESH) INDIA

(Notification No. 1/SVU/E. II (2)/ASST PROF. /Backlog – SC & ST, BC/2026 Dt : 15.05.2026)
PART-A (SC/ST Backlog)

Limited Recruitment Notification for Associate Professor positions for SC/ST backlog vacancies
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Cadre	SC-I	SC-II	SC-III	ST	Total
Assistant Professor	-	-	-	01	01

PART-B (BC Backlog)

Limited Recruitment notification for Assistant Professor positions for BC backlog vacancies
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| Cadre | BC(A) | BC(B) | BC(C) | BC(D) | BC(E) | Total |
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3-Year Backstory Behind PM's Appeal

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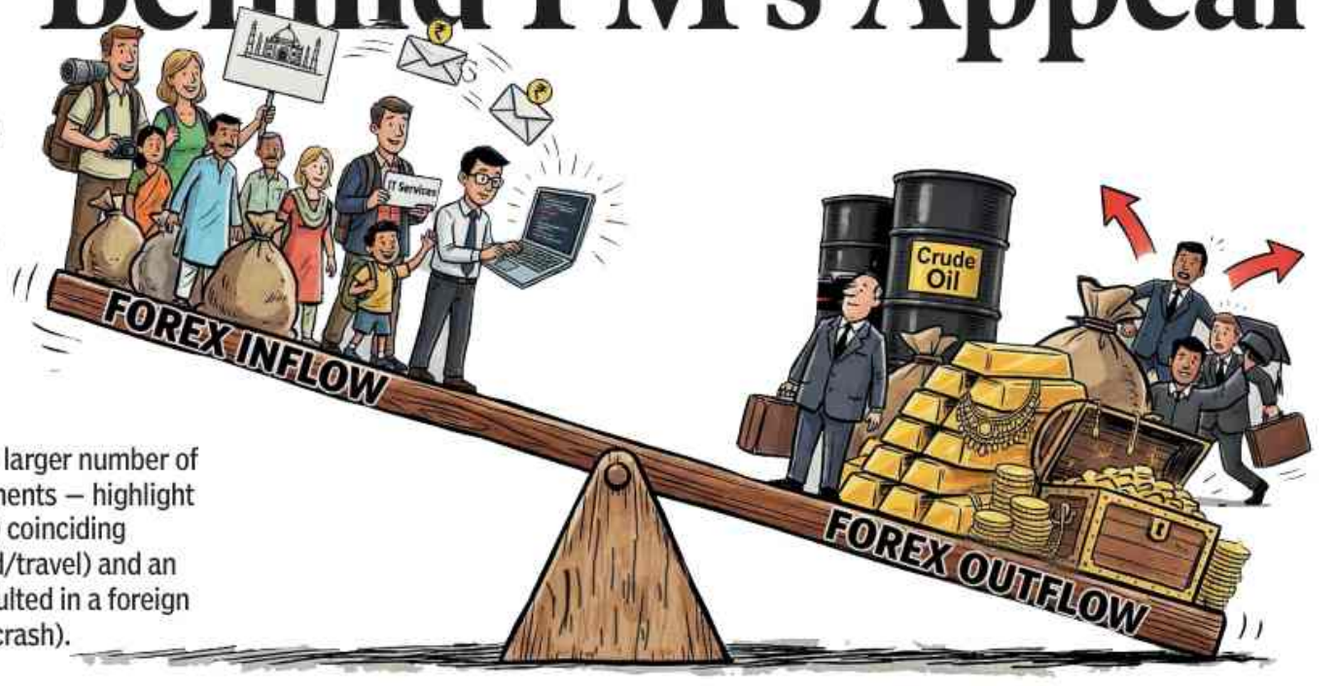
The reasons for the drought of dollars in India — most visible in the weakening value of rupee — is not rooted in the events of the past few months. It has been brewing for nearly three years, and has now been pushed to a crisis point by the Iran conflict and shifting US trade policies.

For decades, the rupee value (called exchange rate) was a simple tug-of-war between products we imported (oil/gold) and products we exported. It's called trade balance. But, in India's case, that meant trade deficit because we imported more than we exported. However, starting in the 1990s, and especially in the past two decades, the math got more complicated. On the positive side, software exports and remittances from the Indian diaspora added record-shattering amounts to our dollar kitty. In official accounts they are defined as 'invisibles'! But even more record-shattering has been dollar outflows by foreign investors from Indian stocks or single events like Hyundai IPO and foreign venture capital cashing out their long-held investments in startups that got listed.

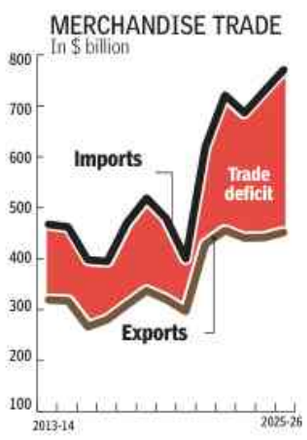
The 8 charts below — picked from a larger number of entries from India's balance of payments — highlight how the 'structural problem' (trade) coinciding with the 'behavioural problem' (gold/travel) and an 'investor problem' (FDI/FPI) has resulted in a foreign exchange 'market problem' (rupee crash).



THE 4 BIG FOREX GUZZLERS...

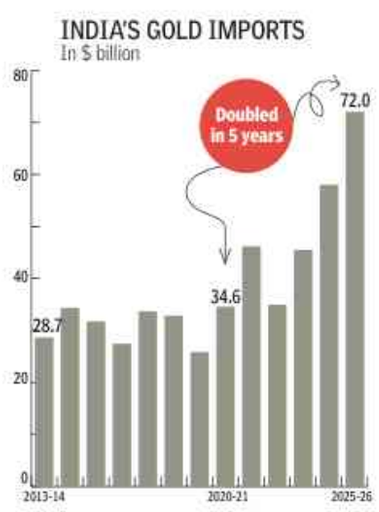
1 A Forever Deficit That's Ballooned In Recent Years

India has long imported more goods than it exports. What has changed is the size of the gap. The merchandise trade deficit has expanded from $148 billion in 2013-14 to an estimated $300 billion in 2025-26, meaning the economy needs far more dollars just to pay for products that Indians import. Some of India's largest exports — from refined oil to iPhones — have large imported components



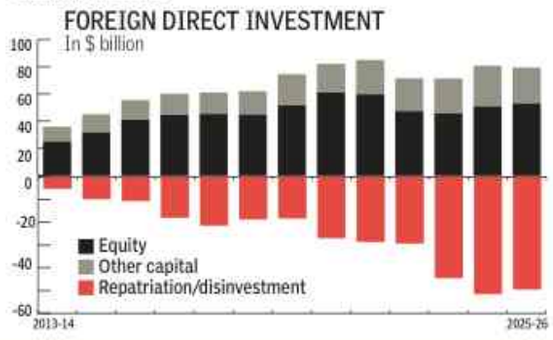
2 Gold Fever That Keeps Rising

Retail gold buying is what a household purchases. It is also a dollar outflow. The value of India's gold imports has risen from $34.6 billion in 2020-21 to $72 billion in 2025-26, helped by high global prices and safe-haven demand. This is why appeals to postpone gold buying are really appeals to reduce dollar demand



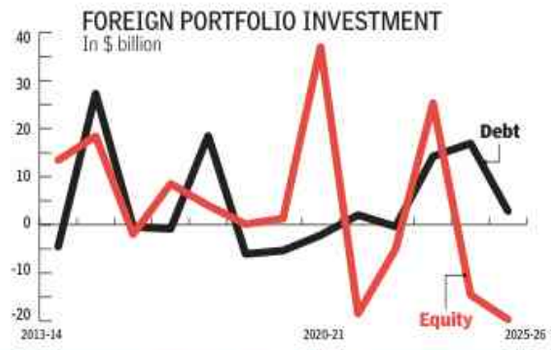
3 Even The Stable Foreign Money Is No More Stable

FDI used to be 'stable' money. But, recently, net FDI has looked grim. Why? Because while new money is coming in, older investors are "repatriating" (taking home) their profits at a rate that's 10x higher than a decade ago. The repatriated cash used to be a fourth of total foreign equity investment, which in recent years has risen to a point where more money is taken out than invested



4 Hot Money Flight: Biggest Shock To The System

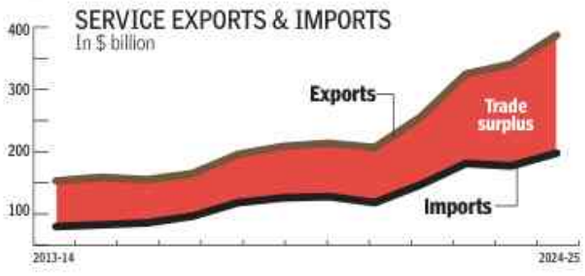
FPI flows support the rupee when foreign investors buy Indian shares and bonds. But they can reverse quickly — as they often have in the past. Over the last two years though, equity outflows have been joined by weaker debt flows. This double dent has meant that for the first time ever, cumulative investments started falling in 2024-25 — from $284.4 billion to $267.8 billion in 2025-26



AND THE 3 BIG FOREX EARNERS...

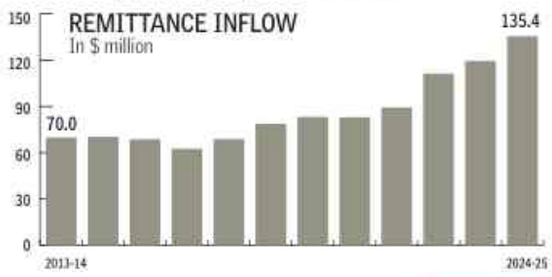
5 Services Still Cushion The Goods Deficit, But...

Here is the irony: India is earning more "invisible" dollars than ever. Software services, which are a major part of its service exports, have always helped the economy offset the deficit in merchandise trade. The surplus in service exports was about 65% of the goods trade deficit in 2024-25



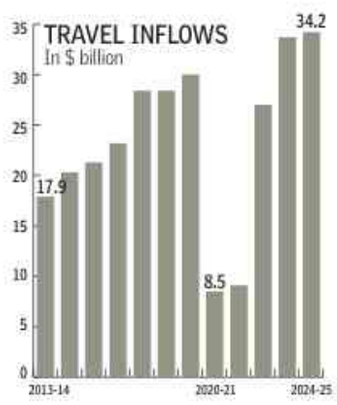
6 Diaspora, Like Always, Sends Record Amounts

Remittances are one of India's most reliable sources of foreign exchange. Money sent home by Indians abroad has almost doubled, from about $70 million in 2013-14 to $135 million in 2024-25. But, like service exports, even this strong inflow is being tested by larger outflows elsewhere



7 Tourism Has Recovered, But Can't Offset The Outflows

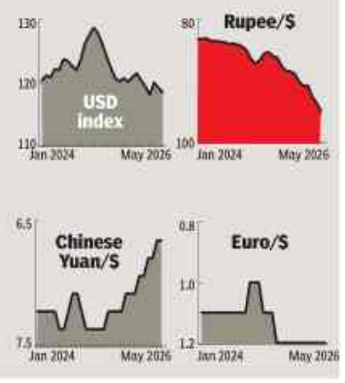
Foreign travel inflow funds to India, majority of which is from tourism, has recovered from the Covid shock. Travel for the purpose of business has seen an increase compared with 2013-14, except for health and education



END RESULT

8 Rupee Is Falling Against A Falling Dollar

Indian rupee is among the very few currencies — among developed and emerging economies— that have fallen despite the weakening of the US dollar. Chinese yuan has appreciated against the US dollar since Feb 2025 while Euro, Pound and Yen have tried to maintain their level



TIMES NATION

First UCC case against triple talaq, halala

Registering the country's first criminal prosecution case under Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Haridwar police have invoked stringent provisions related to triple talaq and halala in a matrimonial dispute, reports **Tapan Susheel**. They filed a chargesheet on Wednesday against nine accused.

Following a plaint by a 23-year-old woman, **mother of an eight-month-old boy, who alleged physical assault, dowry harassment and instant triple talaq** by her husband and in-laws, a case was registered on April 4. The woman alleged the accused tried to force her into halala (a prohibited practice in which a divorcee has to marry and divorce another man to return to her husband).

Judge opts out of Kejriwal excise case

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New Delhi: In a fresh twist in the ongoing CBI appeal hearings against the discharge of all accused in the excise policy case, Delhi HC's Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma Thursday initiated criminal contempt proceedings against former CM Arvind Kejriwal, AAP functionaries Manish Sisodia, Durgesh Pathak, Sanjay Singh, Saurabh Bharadwaj and others, and then opted out of hearing the matter.

"Can't surrender before a powerful litigant," Justice Sharma observed, adding that Kejriwal "orchestrated a calculated campaign of vilification" against her on social media instead of challenging adverse orders against him before the higher court.

In Delhi, CBI alleges a 'larger conspiracy' behind NEET leak

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In Pune, CBI identified the suspect arrested Thursday as Manisha Waghmare, a beauty parlour owner who was picked up from the city's Sukhsagar Nagar area.

Waghmare allegedly acted as an intermediary for Dhananjay, a BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) passout who ran a consultancy in Pune and was among the six arrested Wednesday — three from Jaipur and one each from Gurgaon, and Maharashtra's Nasik and Ahilya Nagar. Waghmare had allegedly received money from around two dozen bank accounts ahead of the test.

CBI said it conducted searches at 14 locations Thursday, the action coming as those arrested were produced in court and sent to seven days' remand for interrogation. "Several other suspects are being interrogated. More arrests will be made in the coming days. CBI is pursuing all leads," said an officer.

B A Raju

Protesters against the NEET leak clash with cops in Chennai on Thursday

In Latur, the retired chemistry teacher detained by CBI for questioning was from Dayanand Sagar College, officials said. Sources said the individual had access to the entire NEET question paper as part of a translation panel responsible for rendering the paper in Marathi. NEET is conducted in 13 languages, requiring multiple parallel translation workflows under strict confidentiality protocols. Officials declined to disclose the professor's identity or specify the precise role, citing the sensitivity of the investigation. Latur, long regarded as a coaching hub that draws students from across Maharashtra, has emerged as a focal point in the inquiry. A complaint filed by a parent at the SP's office two days ago alleged that 42 questions in a mock test conducted by a private coaching institute in the city matched those in the NEET paper.

In Rajasthan, investigators suspect Dinesh Biwal, one of the three arrested from the state, is suspected to have scanned the hard copy of the leaked NEET paper and shared it digitally. He allegedly obtained the paper from Gurgaon's Yash Yadav, another arrested suspect from Gurgaon, for his son and later shared or sold it to other students known to him in Sikar district.

In Delhi, where some of the suspects were remanded by a local court, CBI alleged a "larger conspiracy" behind the nationwide leak. The agency told the court that custodial interrogation was necessary to apprehend other culprits, recover digital devices and electronic evidence, trace the financial trail and "identify possible officials of NTA" involved in the crime.

(Inputs from Dishank Purohit in Jaipur and Koushiki Saha in Delhi)

NEET leak lens on Biwal family's MBBS run

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Vikas is in Sawai Madhopur Medical College, while his sister is enrolled at Dausa Medical College. The daughter of Mangilal's deceased brother, Ghanshyam, is a student at SMS Medical College in Jaipur. Ghanshyam's other daughter is in a medical college in Mumbai

Jaipur: The NEET-UG 2026 paper leak probe has cast a shadow over the entire Biwal family of Jaipur after investigators found that multiple members, all linked to three arrested by CBI, secured admission to medical colleges.

Dinesh Biwal, brother Mangilal Biwal and Mangilal's son, Vikas Biwal, were held on Wednesday. Police sources said investigators had grown suspicious "from day one" after discovering that four members of the same family had cracked NEET.

Investigators are examining whether the admissions are connected to the leak.

According to preliminary findings, Vikas is a first-year student at Sawai Madhopur Medical College, while his sister is enrolled at Dausa Medical College. Another relative, the daughter of Mangilal's deceased brother, Ghanshyam, is a student at SMS Medical College in Jaipur. Ghanshyam's other daughter is in a medical college in Mumbai. Sources said there could be another family member studying medicine.

Social media posts by Dinesh were unearthed in which he claimed five children from his family had secured admission to medical colleges. Investigators found all of them attended the same coaching institute in Sikar, though sources later claimed they were enrolled only for mock tests.

"There is no direct evidence yet that they cleared the exam using leaked papers, but the fact that five members of one family secured MBBS admissions in the same period naturally raises questions, especially when the family is now linked to an alleged leak syndicate," a senior official said.

Sources said investigators suspect Dinesh paid to procure the leaked NEET-UG 2026 question paper from another arrested accused, Gurgaon-based Yash Yadav. Another family member was also preparing for NEET, sources added.

CBI has taken Dinesh, Mangilal and Vikas to Delhi for further interrogation. An agency team went to the family's house in Jamwa-Ramgarh.

Order excludes sugar exports to EU & the US

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Export ban helps prevent a rise in prices amid inflation concerns and uncertainty caused by the West Asia conflict.

The order does not apply to sugar exports to the European Union and the US under the CXL and Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) arrangement, respectively. The arrangements allow exporters to ship specified quantities of sugar to these destinations at significantly reduced or zero customs duties.

The order is also not applicable to the shipments under the advance authorisation scheme, govt-to-govt exports and consignments already in the physical export pipeline.

For the 2025-26 sugar marketing year (October to September), govt initially allowed 15 lakh tonnes for exports, and then opened an additional 5-lakh-tonne pool, of which only 87,587 tonnes were approved. The food ministry and sugar mills were expecting 7.5-8 lakh tonne of shipments in 2025-26 marketing year.

BJP questions funding for Rahul's foreign trips

New Delhi: BJP on Thursday questioned the source of funding for Rahul Gandhi's 54 trips abroad over last 22 years, claiming a "big mismatch" between expenditure the leader of opposition (LoP) is likely to have incurred and his income over past decade, as declared in documents he had submitted for contesting Lok Sabha polls.

BJP said it has done a "bottom-up estimation" to arrive at the sum of Rs 60 crore that Rahul and people accompanying him would have spent during his visits to different parts of the world, including the US, Latin America, Europe and countries in Asia all these years. In contrast, his income was only Rs 11 crore over last decade, it added.

"This raises legal questions. Under FCRA provisions, any MP, judge or govt official is required to take prior permission from ministry of home affairs if their visits are hosted or funded by a foreign agency," BJP's Sambit Patra said. TNN

HC orders probe into DA plaint against Rahul

Ritika Singh Sisodiya | TNN

Lucknow: Lucknow bench of Allahabad HC has directed CBI and ED to probe the alleged disproportionate assets of Congress MP and leader of opposition **Rahul Gandhi**, and submit a progress report by July 20.

A division bench of Justices Rajesh Singh Chauhan and Zafeer Ahmad passed the order on a criminal writ petition moved by a Karnataka BJP worker, S Vignesh Shishir, alleging that Rahul had accumulated disproportionate assets.

The bench also directed the department of personnel and training, revenue department, ministries of finance and corporate affairs, and the director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office to file their response within eight weeks. The bench conducted an in-chamber hearing in the matter on May 12.

VD calls elevation a 'massive responsibility'

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Dasmunsi said the party leadership considered broader political factors, including public mood, feedback from allies and consultations with senior leaders, while selecting Satheesan.

Satheesan said his elevation was a "massive responsibility" and that he could move forward only with the collective support of the UDF leadership and workers. He also acknowledged the support and guidance of Venugopal and Ramesh Chennithala, the other contenders in the prolonged CM race, in shaping his political career.

Venugopal accepted the party's decision, but Ramesh expressed strong displeasure at being overlooked. He reportedly conveyed his protest directly to Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and stayed away from the Congress Legislature Party meeting convened to formally elect Satheesan as CLP leader. Sources said he also informed the party leadership that he did not wish to be part of the new cabinet. Ramesh gave a letter of support for the party's decision to KPCC president Sunny Joseph and left Thiruvananthapuram.

Venugopal told reporters in New Delhi that he wholeheartedly congratulated the CM-designate. "I humbly accept the party high command's decision and will work to implement it. I am a loyal Congressman. For me the party is everything. I don't want an image at the cost of the party. I want to die shrouded in the party flag and will give all support to the govt in Kerala," he said.

Sources said Gandhi spoke to Venugopal for nearly two hours even on Thursday morning to avoid bickering within the party. The leadership felt any factionalism would politically weaken the UDF govt even before it assumed office, they said.

TIMES BUSINESS

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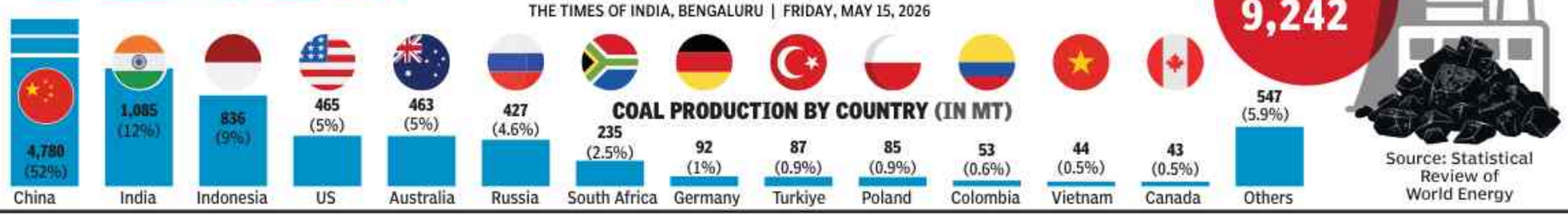
Coal has made a quiet comeback in domestic households in recent months as disruptions in LPG supplies, triggered by the ongoing West Asia crisis, pushed many consumers back towards conventional fuels. Beyond its renewed use at home, coal remains deeply entrenched in the global energy landscape. The Asia-Pacific region — led by China, India, and Indonesia — accounts for nearly 80% of global coal production. **India is the second-largest coal producer after China**



AI hit with over ₹26k-cr loss in '25-26, says partner SIA

25% Stakeholder Took Blow of $743Mn & Its Net Dipped 57%

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New Delhi: The turbulence Indian airlines are facing for over a year now has started denting the fortunes of their foreign partners. The going got tough for them after the US-Iran war erupted on Feb 28. Singapore Airlines (SIA), 25.1% stakeholder in Air India (AI), on Thursday disclosed that AI lost $2.8 billion (over Rs 26,000 crore) in 2025-26. Due to that, SIA suffered a hit of $743 million that led its net profit plunge 57.4% to $930 million. Despite the setback, SIA has reiterated its commitment to the partnership and said AI is making progress on multiple fronts, amid serious headwinds.

In a statement, SIA said: "The (SIA) group's net profit declined by $1,594 million (minus 57.4%) to $1,184 million, primarily due to the absence of the $1,098 million non-cash accounting gain recognised in Nov 2024 upon the completion of the AI-Vistara merger. The swing from a share of profits of associated companies last year to a loss this year (minus $846 million) was due to the group accounting for its share of AI's full year losses, versus only four months of the previous year."

Erstwhile Vistara, in which SIA had 49% stake, had merged into AI in Nov 2024. The first full year of combined entity (FY26) proved to be the start of the toughest period for Indian carriers after Covid, with Pakistan airspace being closed to them (and vice versa) since Operation Sindoor. Since then, flights to the West are taking much longer routes and this hurt AI more cost-wise than any other Indian carrier and added to the woes of Tata-SIA as reviving the Maharaja was never going to be an easy task. Last June's AI 171 crash was the biggest aviation disaster India had seen in years.

"Air India faces headwinds such as industry-wide supply chain constraints, air space restrictions, constraints on operations to its key Middle East (West Asia) markets and elevated jet fuel prices," SIA said. While recognising the challenges, SIA says things are changing. "Nonetheless, (AI) continues to make progress in its fleet renewal and aircraft retrofit programme." Describing it as a "core component of its long-term multi-hub strategy," the SIA statement said: "This strategic investment provides the group with a direct stake in one of the world's largest and fastest-growing aviation markets, complementing its Singapore hub and strengthening its long-term growth."

Committed To Partnership With AI: SIA

➤ Singapore Airlines (SIA), a 25.1% stakeholder, stays committed to the partnership and says AI is making progress on multiple fronts amid headwinds

"Nonetheless, AI continues to make progress in its fleet renewal and aircraft retrofit programme, initiatives to elevate the end-to-end customer experience and improve its operational performance... SIA is working closely with its partner Tata Sons to support Air India's multi-year transformation programme
— Singapore Airlines

WPI inflation rises to 42-mth high of 8.3%

New Delhi: Wholesale inflation surged to a 42-month high in April as elevated crude prices rippled through fuel, transportation and manufactured products. Data released by the commerce and industry ministry Thursday showed that the wholesale price index (WPI) touched 8.3% in April, up from 3.9% in March.

Crude petroleum prices climbed 88% in April, leading to a surge in prices of fuel products. Petrol inflation accelerated to 32.4% from 2.5%, while diesel inflation rose to 25.2% from 3.3%. LPG shifted from a 1.5% contraction in March to a 10.9% increase in April.

Manufactured products, which account for nearly 64% of the WPI, saw a broad-based increase. Inflation in this category rose to 4.6% from 3.4%, suggesting that higher input costs are beginning to seep into factory-gate prices. The rise was led by a surge in prices of chemicals, textiles, basic metals, rubber products among others.

Primary articles inflation also rose sharply to 9.2% from 6.4%, led by non-food articles and minerals. Inflation in minerals jumped to 12.2% from 3.2%, while non-food articles rose to 12.2% from 11.5%. TNN

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Re hits new low of 95.96, bounces back

Mumbai: The domestic currency fell to an all-time low of 95.96 per US dollar during the session, breaching Wednesday's record low closing of 95.8, and later settled at 95.76 after paring losses.

Dealers said the recovery was aided by rumours of govt providing tax breaks for foreign investors and optimism that a US-China meeting would help reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Dealers said high wholesale price index numbers remained a dampener.

India's reserves have dropped 5.2% to $691 billion, while Indonesia's have slipped 3.8% to $146 billion. In international markets, Brent crude traded around $106 a barrel after declining 2% in the previous session. "The Indian currency clawed back a part of its loses. This marginal retracement was sparked by expectation that govt might slash tax levies on foreign investment in bond allocations to stimulate capital inflows. Despite effort from govt and regulator, the rupee remains under pressure amid high balance of payments deficit following foreign fund outflows," said Dilip Parmar, research analyst, HDFC Securities. TNN

Mittal eyes 51% stake for Bharti Telecom in Airtel

To Hand Over Reins To Next Gen In A Decade

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New Delhi: Sunil Bharti Mittal has set his sight on Bharti Telecom regaining controlling stake of 51% or just over 50% in Bharti Airtel over the next decade and hand over reins to his children in the same timeframe. Mittal, 68, spoke about his vision at his surprise participation in the company's earnings call Thursday, a day after being reappointed Bharti Airtel chairman for another five-year term.

"My own wish is that in the next decade, as I come to a point where I hand over the reins to the next generation, Bharti Telecom should get back to controlling shareholding of 51% or just over 50%," Mittal, chairperson of Bharti Enterprises and promoter of Bharti Airtel, said.

Bharti Telecom has about 40.5% stake in Airtel, which Mittal had founded in 1976. Along with the Mittal family-owned Indian Continent Investment Ltd (ICIL), Singtel-backed Pastel and other promoter entities, they together have about 48.9% stake in Airtel.

"The principal direction or vision... is all shares that we can (get) from both ICIL or Bharti family entities, and Singtel should go into Bharti Telecom as much as possible. Bharti Telecom should be the controlling promoting shareholder," he said. Mittal, whose current term as company chairman was due to expire on Sept 30 and has been reappointed for five years till Sept 30, 2031, said a good amount of cash in hand is needed to raise Bharti Telecom's stake by 10% in Airtel — an investment of about Rs 1 lakh crore based on present share price and the company's market capitalisation.

"You know, basically the belief remains that you must have everything through one company that should be the controlling, promoting shareholder. Bharti Telecom, as you know, historically has not only been the founding promoter of this company (but has also) had almost always for a long period of time, a controlling shareholding of 51%," Mittal said, adding that the shareholding in Airtel can be raised in next three-to-four years, depending on the company's performance, giving out more dividends and generating cash flow to put more cash in hand for Bharti Telecom to achieve the target.

"To put a bit more granular sort of angle, Singtel has a 7% direct stake in Airtel and it had about 6% to equalise. Now with this transaction, once this is done and shares are issued, the gap will come down to 3.6% (for a target of 51%). We should see an overall gap dramatically reducing, and Singtel, which has been on the path of selling down its direct stake, has to sell now much less than earlier," he said.

Mittal also said even Airtel should make an attempt to have a higher share in Airtel Africa, around 90%.

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Sensex rallies 790 pts despite Rupee slide

Mumbai: Despite Brent crude prices hovering around the $106/barrel mark, and rupee hitting a new low at nearly 96-to-the-dollar, Dalal Street witnessed a strong rebound on Thursday. After an early slide, sensex rallied through the session to close 790 points up at 75,399 points as HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, and ICICI Bank boosted the index. The 1.1% jump in the index came despite a marginal Rs 187-crore net buying by foreign funds. The day's rally added about Rs 4.5 lakh crore to investors' wealth. "Going forward, persistent foreign outflows, elevated crude oil prices and the rupee slipping to fresh record lows continue to pose key macro risks for the domestic market," said Siddhartha Khemka, head of research - wealth management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services. TNN

Advance Authorisation: Govt caps gold imports at 100 kg

New Delhi: A day after significantly increasing the import duty on precious metals, govt on Thursday imposed a limit of 100 kg on gold imports under the Advance Authorisation (AA) scheme, which allows jewellery exporters to import raw or input materials at zero duty.

Govt has tightened the conditions for issuing and monitoring advance authorisation for the import of gold. Earlier, there was no limit on gold imports under the scheme. The Advance Authorisation scheme allows the duty-free import of inputs that are incorporated into an export product. In addition to any inputs, packaging material, fuel, oil, and catalyst that are consumed or utilised in the process of production of export product, are also allowed.

"AA for import of gold shall be issued, subject to a maximum remissible quantity of 100 kilograms," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a public notice.

Move aims to curb misuse, tighten monitoring and prevent large-scale duty-free inflows

It added that in case of application for Advance Authorisation by a first-time applicant, a mandatory physical inspection of the applicant's manufacturing facility will be undertaken to verify the existence, capacity and operational status of the unit.

"Any subsequent AA for the import of gold, shall be considered for issuance only upon fulfilment of at least 50% of the export obligation...," it said, adding that the AA holder will have to submit a fortnightly performance report, which should be duly certified by an independent chartered accountant certifying gold imports and exports undertaken.

Further, the concerned regional authority of the directorate will submit a monthly report to the DGFT containing details regarding the issuance of AA. Sources said that the decision is important as there was a high probability that the scheme may be misused to import large quantities immediately and take advantage of price arbitrage. In order to prevent any possibility of misuse of the AA Scheme, these instructions are being issued, they said. AGENCIES

At ₹4.3L cr, Adani Power valued more than NTPC

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Mumbai: With a 57% rise in 2026, Adani Power is now the most valued power producer in India, ahead of public sector giant NTPC, BSE data showed. While Adani Power has a market cap of Rs 4.3 lakh crore, NTPC's current valuation is Rs 3.8 lakh crore. So far in 2026, NTPC has gained 20.3%.

Since the war in West Asia started on Feb 28, and people started depending more on energy sources outside of fossil fuels, demand for traditional, non-oil power rose. This in turn has led to gains in stocks of some power generation companies.

Adani Power has gained 50%, while NTPC is up marginally, about 4% since the war began.

Market cap data for all the power generators showed that the combined market cap of companies within the Adani group–Adani Power, Adani Green Energy and Adani Energy Solutions--is more than the total market value of all the other private power producers. Compared to Rs 8.2 lakh crore market value of the three Adani companies, the combined market value of 21 power companies in the private sector is Rs 4.9 lakh crore. However, the combined market cap of all the PSU power companies, at Rs 9.2 lakh crore, is more than the three power companies in the Adani group, data from ETIG showed.

Adani, IHG join hands to develop 5 hotels

Mumbai: Adani Group has signed a partnership with Intercontinental Hotels Group to develop five hotels across its airport destinations in India, marking its entry into the hospitality sector. The agreement will see about 1,500 hotel rooms developed in Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The deal will also bring IHG's luxury lifestyle brand Kimpton to India for the first time. Adani joins other major Indian conglomerates in the hospitality space, including Tata, Reliance, Hinduja and RPG. IHG, one of the oldest foreign hotel operators in India, currently manages 52 hotels across six brands in the country and has a pipeline of 98 additional properties expected to open within three to five years. TNN

Adanis also threw in a sweetener: Report

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Adani Group stated that none of its entities or executives has been charged under the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and that Adani Green Energy is not a party to the proceedings.

The US criminal case filed by prosecutors in Brooklyn in Nov 2024 alleged that Adani and others orchestrated a scheme to bribe Indian officials to secure lucrative solar-power contracts. The SEC separately accused Adani of spearheading efforts to pay or promise hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes connected to what prosecutors described as India's largest solar power project.

The counsel for Gautam Adani and his nephew Sagar Adani stated in court that there was no credible evidence supporting the alleged bribery scheme. Last month, a US judge granted a request from Gautam Adani to schedule a hearing to dismiss the US SEC case of alleged fraud.

The Adanis argued that the SEC lacked personal jurisdiction, saying neither of them had sufficient contacts with the US or direct involvement in the bond offering. Representatives of the Adani camp are also reported to have met Trump administration officials earlier this year seeking dismissal of the charges, arguing that the prosecution did not align with President Trump's priorities. According to NYT, the Adanis also threw in a sweetener: If prosecutors dropped the charges, the group would be willing to invest $10 billion in the American economy and create 15,000 jobs.

SUVs, 2-wheelers power auto sales growth in April

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New Delhi: India's automobile industry began FY27 with strong growth across segments, led by rising demand for SUVs and two-wheelers, even as concerns persist over higher commodity prices linked to tensions in West Asia.

Domestic passenger vehicle sales rose 25.4% year-on-year to nearly 4.4 lakh units in April, according to data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (Siam). The industry had dispatched around 3.5 lakh passenger vehicles to dealers in April last year. Sport utility vehicles continued to dominate the passenger vehicle market, with utility vehicle dispatches climbing 21.5% to 2.4 lakh units during the month. Passenger car sales grew at a faster pace, rising 32.7% year-on-year to 1.2 lakh units, while van sales increased 14.4% to 13,087 units.

Rajesh Menon, director, Siam, said the industry had carried forward the momentum seen in the second half of FY26, with strong double-digit growth across passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and three-wheelers. He added that demand has remained healthy despite concerns around rising commodity costs stemming from disruptions in West Asia. The two-wheeler segment also posted strong growth, with overall sales rising 28.4% to 18.7 lakh units in April. Motorcycle sales rose 30.6% to 11.3 lakh units, while scooter dispatches increased 26.2% to 6.9 lakh units.

Three-wheeler sales grew 32.8% year-on-year to 65,668 units last month.

Auto exporters dodge West Asia pothole

Chennai: India's automobile exporters began the new fiscal year in buoyant form. Shipments of locally made cars, utility vehicles and two-wheelers rose at a double-digit pace in April, despite logistical snarls triggered by tensions in West Asia. For now, exporters point out that diversification across markets is cushioning the blow. Passenger vehicle (PV) exports were led by utility vehicles, whose shipments rose 13% year-on-year to 35,289 units in April, while car exports climbed 12% to 31,335 units. Two-wheelers fared even better. Motorcycle exports surged 36% to 426,000 units, while scooter exports jumped 50% to 80,810 units.
— G Balachandar

Former Peak XV trio float equal VC partnership

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Bengaluru: Former Peak XV Partners managing directors — Ashish Agrawal, Ishaan Mittal and Tejeshwi Sharma — are setting up their new venture capital firm, Mettle Capital, as an equal partnership, people familiar with the matter told TOI.

The structure is unusual in Indian venture capital, where most firms distribute economics and decision-making unevenly across senior partners. People aware of the matter said the three founders aligned on equal ownership, governance and long-term economics from the outset. The move comes months after their exits from Peak XV, where disagreements over economics and carried interest had triggered one of the firm's biggest leadership reshuffles since its split from Sequoia Capital. Industry executives said the structure reflects a broader shift underway in venture capital, with newer firms placing greater emphasis on governance and transparency around economics.

"Historically, venture firms tend to struggle more over internal alignment and economics than investment performance," said one person familiar with venture fund structures. "Equal partnerships are one way some firms try to create long-term stability."

Austerity mode on: India Inc turns to WFH, EVs

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Bengaluru/Mumbai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for austerity measures to reduce fuel consumption and conserve foreign exchange is beginning to ripple through corporate India, prompting companies and industry bodies to revive work-from-home policies, curb travel and push greener logistics initiatives.

The shift marks a significant change in corporate messaging after several large companies spent the past two years calling employees back to offices and tightening attendance mandates. Now, amid rising global energy prices and growing concerns over India's import bill following tensions in West Asia, firms are increasingly positioning remote work and reduced travel as measures linked to efficiency, sustainability and resource conservation.

RPG Group chairman Harsh Goenka this week asked employees to reduce domestic and international travel, maximise virtual meetings and encourage work-from-home as part of what he described as "responsible resource utilisation." The group also encouraged greater use of electric vehicles, carpooling and public transport.

At Shaadi.com, founder Anupam Mittal said the company would now observe Wednesdays as a work-from-home day, estimating that one remote workday for 500 employees could save nearly 30,000 litres of petrol annually. Responding to criticism around productivity, Mittal said the move "might actually work better" by giving employees a mid-week break from commuting.

Hindustan Unilever (HUL) said that it has transitioned more than 97% of energy used in its operations to renewable energy and is scaling up the use of EVs in supply chain network through strategic partnerships. "We believe the Indian economy is resilient and these proactive measures will help us navigate the current times and continue on the growth path," said a company spokesperson, adding that it already has a hybrid work model in place.

Consumer goods maker Marico said it would allow employees in eligible roles to work remotely on Wednesdays starting next week, while also encouraging virtual meetings and reducing non-essential travel. According to chief human resources officer Amit Prakash, the attempt is to balance responsible resource utilisation with business continuity.

Industry bodies are also responding. Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (Credai) shifted its annual convention from Amsterdam to India, citing Modi's appeal.

Meanwhile, Dabur India said it is accelerating the use of EVs and rail transport across its supply chain.

FIRMS GO FUEL-SMART

- RPG Group cuts travel, pushes virtual meetings and encourages work-from-home to conserve fuel
- Companies are again linking remote work with efficiency, sustainability and lower energy use
- Shaadi.com estimates one WFH day saves nearly 30,000 litres of petrol annually
- Credai moved its annual convention from Amsterdam to India citing national interest
- Marico revives midweek remote work while trimming non-essential employee travel
- Dabur ramps up EVs and rail logistics, recording a three-fold rise in rail use

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There came into the world an unlimited abundance of everything people need. But people need everything except unlimited abundance

– KAREL CAPEK

What Austerity?

New India doesn't know what it means. Price signals are a better way to influence its consumption choices

Austerity is this week's buzzword. But if majorities define societies, it's fair to say India doesn't know what austerity is anymore. That's because two of every three Indians – a supermajority – living today were born after 1991, the year of Liberalisation. The year we, as a nation, decided we'd had enough of poverty, shortages and austerity. As Manmohan Singh, finance minister at the time, said in his budget speech, austerity was still needed to accumulate capital, but it needn't be "negation of life or a dry, arid creed that casts a baleful eye on joy and laughter". And the 'austere' Indian state was notorious for being a killjoy then. Our March 4, 1991 edition reported that "allottees" of the new 'Maruti 1000' sedan were avoiding deliveries for fear of income tax raids. Allottees? Yes, car ownership in that age of perpetual scarcity required patience and luck, besides ready cash.

We have banished scarcity, and how! Bajaj Auto's 2000-01 annual report mentions monthly capacity of 50,000 bikes. Last month, the company sold 2.1L two-wheelers in India, and 2.3L abroad. Overall, roughly 24L bikes were made in the country in April 2026. Everything's available off the shelf. Even fuel, three months into the Hormuz crisis. So, no, we don't know what austerity is. And that's an achievement, not a failing. But doesn't it leave us ill-equipped to deal with high import costs and a weakening rupee? No. Normative regulation – don't do this, do that – was part of our pre-Liberalisation playbook. In Feb 1991, when America's war on Saddam's Iraq had created similar conditions, pundits were prescribing curbs on consumer credit to reduce imports. But hobble-the-buyer is bad policy, especially now when private consumption expenditure exceeds 60% of GDP.

It's far better to influence buying decisions with prices, as govt has already done with higher import duties on gold and silver. Let fuel, fertiliser, and other imports get costlier to reflect market realities. Consumption will find its own level. And if some people still want to holiday abroad, or drive everywhere, they can do so, while filling state coffers. Trust the market, and let it work.

NEET Not Clean

It's inexplicable why edu ministry hasn't moved to overhaul NTA

Nodal testing body NTA has fragility inbuilt. It is not a statutory body, accountability is iffy, it is highly dependent on contractual employees, and has no watchdog overseeing it. Given NTA conducts at least 15 national-level exams, its very foundation is weak. These are points that emerge after every paper leak. Yet, GOI's ministry of education hasn't moved decisively. In limbo are youngsters, wound up through their formative years, to sit for various tests. For the 23L medical aspirants this year – is there any guarantee a re-test won't suffer a similar fate?

Going by the shuffling of feet in both ministry and NTA, this is hardly the last leak. It's not safe to assume that in 2025, in some corner, question paper wasn't sold – given experiences of 2021, 2024 and 2026. It's more likely no one was caught in the years between. The MO isn't new, nor have any of the lacunae, identified for years, been plugged. That's what raises questions, and eyebrows. First, why weren't any of the ways to minimise risk of paper leaks – including 101 suggestions by 2024's Radhakrishnan committee – implemented? Why hasn't NTA moved to less expensive, obvious and tried-and-tested ways to nullify risk of a paper leak? The simplest way is to have multiple sets – results normalised during grading. No rocket science. After all, how many would an aspirant buy, when a set costs upwards of ₹10L? Third, why, after sacking NTA chief in 2024, did GOI leave the post without a full-time director, until March 2026? Finally, will insiders be thoroughly probed?

All entrance exams are an industry – coaching, hostels, books, publishers, ed-tech, apps. It's endless. Add to that the profitable exam mafia. ROI on buying a question paper is huge – if you make the grade, a govt college costs a fraction of private medical study. Even a small leak can change ranks. Given the stakes, ministry's go-slow on reforms, despite so many leaks of various NTA-conducted exams, is inexplicable. And it's mysterious why so many trapdoors remain wide open, when vulnerabilities are fully recorded, as is every weak link in the chain of custody of a NEET paper. Perhaps the push needed will come from students, who must be compensated for NTA's failure to conduct an exam, held for years now, fairly.

The bot and I

AI is making the distinction between man and machine increasingly indistinct

Jug Suraiya

To research a column, I tried to access a site that I thought might be helpful.

Before the site could open, a message flashed on the screen of my mobile: Verifying You Are Human And Not A Bot. This May Take A Few Moments.

A small dotted circle began to whirlpool on the screen while I waited to have my humanness confirmed. And it was. The spinning circle disappeared to be replaced by a box. Tick To Confirm You Are Human. I ticked as told, and the fact that I was a bona fide human, a fully paid-up member of Homo sapiens, was confirmed.

By this time, I'd forgotten about the information I'd wanted to find, so pleased was I that my human provenance had been reaffirmed for me by an all-knowing AI.

But my initial good cheer at having been certified human, a status that has not infrequently had doubts cast on it by sceptics, gave way to disquiet, which, as I dwelt on the matter, made my quiet more dis.

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I was an AI-certified human and not a bot. But the problem with AI, which permeates more and more aspects of our everyday life, is that it's blurred, if not obliterated, the distinction not only between man and bot, but also between reality and illusion, in the form of deepfakes that are growing with a prodigality of proliferation commonly attributed to jackrabbits.

Indeed, so deep are such fakes, or so fake is their depth, that they elude the powers of human detection and can be unmasked only through the agency of AI, which created them in the first place.

Is my AI-verified humanness a deepfake? A parable tells of a poet who dreams he's a butterfly, and, on waking, wonders if he's a butterfly dreaming that he's a poet.

Could I be a bot programmed by AI to believe I'm human? Am I and the bot mutually interchangeable? Best get Gemini to figure it out…

(Gemini: A search has been unable to ascertain the nature of the subject under question being human/bot/unspecified other.)

Not Venu, VD. Not Quite Vici

Congress high command's dithering before confirming Satheesan as Kerala CM has taken the shine off the party's post-win profile, and is a bad sign for the future

PK Yasser Arafath

VD Satheesan's rise as the most popular political figure in Kerala, and now CM-designate, cannot be understood merely through the conventional language of electoral arithmetic, or anti-incumbency. His popularity arose from a deeper political shift: transformation of opposition politics from discourse, centred on administrative criticism and developmental activities, into one organised around dignity, democratic anxiety, social recognition, and affective reassurance.

At a moment when Kerala's public sphere was increasingly marked by inter-community suspicion, minority insecurity, digital hate, and polarisation, Satheesan positioned himself as the face of a morally coherent and emotionally responsive opposition. Repeated invocations of 'Team UDF' weren't simply rhetorical, but a strategic political language that foregrounded coalition-building, collective leadership, and organisational unity, against factionalism within Congress itself.

Unlike many mainstream political veterans, who often adopted ambiguous or cautious positions in confronting communal rhetoric in Kerala, Satheesan consistently articulated a visibly confrontational secular politics. He openly challenged what many minority communities perceived as the normalisation of 'minorityphobia'.

His repeated criticism of figures such as Vellappally Natesan, along with his questioning of Pinarayi's public proximity to such personalities, acquired symbolic significance beyond political controversy.

Politics of dignity | Satheesan grasped a fundamental transformation taking place within Kerala's political culture: the gradual shift from welfare-centric politics to dignity-centric politics. While the electoral Left continued to rely heavily on a welfare-cum-development narrative, emphasising infra, governance efficiency, and state delivery, large sections of Kerala's youth, minorities, Dalits, women, and marginalised communities, increasingly articulated a different political aspiration – a desire for dignity, recognition, and secure democratic belonging.

While welfare politics primarily addresses material distribution, Satheesan understood the significance of dignity politics. This addresses questions of humiliation, fear, symbolic exclusion, and recognition. His political language operated within this terrain.

This shift became especially visible in the unprecedented consolidation of Muslim and Christian voters behind UDF. Together constituting nearly half of Kerala's population, these communities increasingly viewed Satheesan as a political figure attentive to their anxieties and aspirations.

Issues such as debates surrounding Waqf lands, Christian institutions, and nuns in different parts of India, the proliferation of communally charged digital propaganda, and the continued visibility of anti-minority rhetoric, collectively produced a heightened sense of insecurity in the state. This unprecedented consolidation was not merely communitarian in the narrow sense; rather, it reflected a broader perception that religious dignity, itself, was under strain.

Kerala's political consciousness also shaped this consolidation. Unlike many parts of India, where welfare benefits are often framed as acts of state generosity, Kerala's historically politicised society increasingly interprets welfare as entitlement. This political sensibility is historically rooted in Kerala's long genealogy of anti-caste and dignity-centred reform movements. Satheesan's speeches and conversations, consciously or otherwise, resonated within this longer historical tradition, creating a special bond with communities that felt vulnerable.

His outreach to micro-social collectives, particularly among Dalit and Adivasi communities, reflected an understanding that contemporary politics increasingly operates through dispersed networks of recognition, rather than centralised vote-bank mobilisation alone.

Similarly, Satheesan was able to communicate in the idiom of millennials and Gen Z voters. Younger voters in Kerala sought political futures grounded in inclusion, aspiration, democratic freedoms, and cultural confidence, not nostalgic celebrations of pasts.

Satheesan's repeated emphasis on a "future Kerala", thus, distinguished him from other leaders, who focused primarily on defending the achievements of the present.

Delhi's slow command | With such an extraordinary electoral victory, and unprecedented popular support for Satheesan, it became incomprehensible for many why Congress high command took such a long time to finalise who'd be CM. The delay emerged from the entry of Venugopal and Chennithala, who attempted to test their political possibilities for the position, citing support of MLAs, and organisational seniority, respectively.

However, they were never central to the public imagination of this electoral transition. They were not perceived as the ideological face of the movement that mobilised voters against communalism, administrative fatigue, caste anxieties, and what was described as LDF's algorithm-driven political spectacle. Yet, the central leadership could not entirely ignore their claims and institutional location, within the party structure.

At the same time, high command appeared determined not to repeat earlier political mistakes by ignoring a popular mandate, which some prominent Congress veterans from Kerala reportedly described as "manufactured", during discussions in Delhi.

Public support | Apparently, unconvinced by these claims amid thousands of emails, social media posts, and public interventions, the leadership continued to examine this emerging "discourse of manufacture", as Kerala witnessed an unprecedented eruption of support demanding Satheesan as the only acceptable choice for CM. These mobilisations also functioned as warning signals against a possible high-command hijack of the people's mandate, recalling political destructions in states such as Andhra in 2009, and Rajasthan in 2018.

Within Kerala's politically hyper-aware public sphere, hundreds of social media discussions emerged, arguing that such disjunctions between popular sentiment and leadership decisions could inflict irreversible damage on Congress in Kerala. Media reports further suggested that Congress high command even sought professional expertise, to determine whether support for Satheesan was genuinely organic or artificially amplified.

Yet, almost every post-election CM preference survey indicated overwhelming support for him, often exceeding 80%, ultimately reaffirming the unmistakable ground realities shaping Kerala's contemporary political imagination.

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Calcutta's New Chromosome: Blueprint For Bengal

Sixty years of leftism & quasi-leftism killed the city & state's economic vitality. But a revival isn't hard. Policy needs to build on moribund industrial bases & stock exchange. Plus, prioritise learning English

Prasenjit K Basu

A week after Bengal's momentous electoral earthquake, as I dined at a Tangra-Chinese restaurant in Singapore, the Bengali owner declared our meal would be on the house to celebrate the state's deliverance from six decades of economic blight. For two centuries until the mid-1960s, Kolkata was a magnet for businessmen and workers searching for opportunity. But for the past 60 years, the flow reversed, obliging Bengalis to flee worldwide, as opportunities dried up in their home state. The new non-Left regime could overturn that relentless tide of decline. Here are some economic pointers.

First, Kolkata still has high-quality private hospitals and doctors, who provide the nucleus of a potentially successful health tourism sector. Bangladeshi patients provide the primary customer base of health tourists today. But quality private hospitals can be expanded to cater to 'refugees' from UK's NHS, and soaring costs for surgical procedures in US and EU.

Second, labour market reforms codified nationally last Nov, should be implemented in Bengal to capitalise on its vast reservoir of relatively cheap, but currently under-employed, workers. Labour-intensive manufacturing of garments, textiles, and shoes would build on a historic legacy. Shoes and leather products from Batanagar and Kolkata's Chinatown, could be resuscitated via collaboration with Yue Yuen of Taiwan (the global leader in outsourced shoe manufacturing), which has moved much of its production from China to Vietnam and Indonesia.

Third, Bangladesh's success in garment exports began with Korean collaborations four decades ago. Most of the leading garment exporters of Bangladesh were perceived to be excessively close to Awami League, so their top executives were jailed by the Yunus regime. Bengal should encourage these family enterprises to diversify across their western border, producing garments in Bengal for global markets – to which they have better access through decades of experience. In turn, a revival of Bengal's cotton and silk textile industries would also dovetail nicely into augmenting garment export possibilities.

Fourth, until two decades ago, the remnants of southern Bengal's engineering goods and chemical sectors were still alive; reviving them is a matter of attracting back the talent that took flight amid leftism. As a hub of marine engineers, Kolkata should be a natural leader in shipbuilding and ship repair. Japan and Korea are finding their decades of leadership in shipbuilding eroding, amid competition from China. Mitsubishi, Hyundai Heavy, and Daewoo Shipbuilders should be incentivised to explore collaborations with less expensive engineering and technical talent around Kolkata, to make it a competitive shipbuilding hub.

Singapore's ship-repair yards could also be encouraged to move more of their work to Kolkata. This would eventually also enhance defence manufacturing potential at Garden Reach Shipyards.

Fifth, the two remaining corporate stalwarts still headquartered in Kolkata are ITC and Exide. The latter ought to become the hub of much larger-scale battery manufacturing for the age of electric vehicles, collaborating with end-users like Tata Motors and Mahindra (and technical collaborations with Korea, Japan, and selectively even China, after security vetting).

Value-adding in agriculture, including streamlining the farm-to-retail supply chain, and consumer goods are areas where ITC and Dabur ought to be encouraged to expand their footprint in the state.

Sixth, the waning of Kolkata's financial sector has accelerated in recent decades. A revival could start by converting the moribund Calcutta Stock Exchange into a niche player, trading commodity futures and options, and initiating derivatives trading on Asian stocks and bonds. Kolkata could thus become the eastern financial complement to Mumbai's stock-trading.

With Coal India and Hindustan Copper still headquartered in Kolkata, Vedanta and ArcelorMittal's distant roots in the city, and an abundance of minerals in the hinterland, creating a Calcutta Mercantile Exchange is a logical step.

Seventh, in north Bengal, tea and tourism need to complement each other. State govt should create a fund to help tea estates build their brands and packaging skills, so that the vast gap between auction and retail prices can be narrowed. The enormous tourism potential of the Dooars, Darjeeling, Kurseong and Kalimpong needs to be sensitively tapped, providing niche experiences without straining town infra further.

Eighth, for the medium-term, reviving the education sector is essential to achieving all the above. IIM-Calcutta and IIT-Kharagpur were, thankfully, outside state govt's remit. But making merit, rather than ideology, the basis of state-supported education, and embedding English in schools through the New Education Policy, are essential to the broad revival of Bengal's attenuated intellectual potential.

Lastly, the state's massive debt burden makes private capital essential in every sector, so a conducive investment climate needs to be rapidly established. Bengali entrepreneurship may sound like an oxymoron today, but Dwarkanath Tagore was a private equity pioneer a century-and-a-half before that term became commonplace. Bengal Chemicals, Duckback, Indian Iron and Steel (the first private company to ever receive a World Bank loan) were among eminent Bengali companies ruined by the communist era.

To begin with, national and international capital must play leading roles. But Bengali entrepreneurship will surely kick in eventually, attracting back the millions who fled since the 1960s.

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Calvin & Hobbes

HELLO? YES, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE.
HELLO, CHIEF? IS IT A LAW THAT YOUR SOCKS HAVE TO MATCH ANYTHING ELSE YOU'RE WEARING?
HEY MOM, LISTEN TO THIS!

Sacred*space*

When i despair, i remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it – always.

MK Gandhi

Higher Perspectives Dissolve Contradictions

Jayant B Dave

Astronaut Sunita Williams observed that from space, Earth appears as one, and you do not see man-made borders; you see them only when you return to Earth. Your perspective changes in space.

Likewise, apparent differences in smaller truths are reconciled when one views from a higher perspective. At first, the Upanishads seem to be full of contradictions. Vyas systematised thoughts, philosophy of Upanishads in Brahmasutra. The apparent differences found in Upanishads are reconciled in Brahmasutra.

Five great acharyas – Shankara, Ramanuja, Nimbarka, Vallabha and Madhva – differ in their interpretation of Upanishads in relation to the nature of Brahmn, the relationship of individual soul to Brahmn, soul's state during final emancipation, means of attaining it and its causality with reference to the universe. But they all emphatically declared that Brahmn is the cause of world and that knowledge of Brahmn leads to moksh, final emancipation, which is the goal of life, explains Swami Sivananda.

One finds apparent contradictions while studying the scriptures. On one hand, scriptures say that one must transcend the mind and intellect to realise the supreme Truth, which is subtle, abstract, infinite, and all-pervading. On the other hand, it is said that knowledge of Supreme reality arises only in a purified mind/intellect as *Brahmakar Vritti*. It is said that in deep sleep, one experiences the bliss of the Self but does not know it because the mind and the intellect are not functioning. Mind is described as both friend and enemy of a person, leading to bondage and liberation. Mind, per se, is not good or bad; an impure and gross mind creates bondage, while a pure and subtle mind is an instrument for salvation. This applies to intellect, too.

THE SPEAKING TREE

While explaining creation, it is held that Brahmn is the ultimate causeless cause of creation, referred to as *abhinna nimitta upadana karan* – non-different material and efficient cause of the world. In other instances, it is held that creation is a mere appearance, an illusion like a perceived snake in the rope or a mirage in the desert. When one realises that the experienced world is also unreal, like the dream world upon waking, it is not given much attention or importance. Journey always proceeds from known to the unknown, from gross to subtle.

Vedanta has *adhyarop* and *apavad*, superimposition and negation. Lower truths, also referred to as *anatma*/non-self, are superimposed on the highest truth – Brahmn/Atma. We must first accept the relative apparent truth that is obvious to us and proceed with root cause analysis called *laya chintan*. Cause is inherent in effect, but effect is not independent of cause. Cause is self-existent and a higher truth, whereas effect is dependent existence and represents a lower truth, exemplified by clay and a pot, or gold and ornaments. Swami Krishnananda says that appearances have reality in them, but reality is different from appearances. Appearances do not exist in the Absolute even as adjectives, for it cannot have adjectives other than itself.

Most truths revealed in the phenomenal world are relative due to the limitations of our tools, methodologies, and interpretations of results. We approach the phenomenal truth from a few dimensions known to us, whereas truth has multiple or infinite dimensions; hence, we conclude a relative or fractional truth as final, like perceiving part of an elephant as a whole organism.

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"WHAT I LEARNT FROM MY DRUG BAN LOW IS NOT TO TAKE PEOPLE'S OPINION SERIOUSLY. SOMETIMES THINGS ARE BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION. REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AND HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOURSELF AND DO NOT TRY TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY."
—Kagiso Rabada | GT pacer on his drug ban last year

TILAK STOKES PUNJAB PANIC

PBKS Hurtle To Fifth Straight Loss As Batter's 75*, Shardul's 4/39 Offer Ousted MI Comfort

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Dharamshala: For much of the chase, it looked like one of those nights where Mumbai Indians would be left to reflect on what might have been. Instead, it turned into a different kind of story, one that has now begun to follow Punjab Kings with uncomfortable regularity.

Mumbai hunted down a target of 201 with six wickets in hand but the margin alone does not tell you how sharply the game turned in the final overs. It was there, once again, that Punjab lost control. They missed lengths, their plans were all over the place and a total that had felt competitive quickly slipped out of their hands.

The chase began with clarity. Ryan Rickelton ensured there was no early scoreboard pressure, taking advantage of the fielding restrictions with a 23-ball 48. He trusted the bounce early, drove on the up and pulled anything that sat up, helping Mumbai to 59 without loss in the Powerplay.

Punjab did find a way to drag the game back. The pitch still held enough to make strokeplay uncertain, and for a phase, Mumbai's chase seemed to lose its initial fluency. Wickets fell, the required rate climbed, and the innings threatened to tilt away.

That is when Tilak Varma took ownership of the chase. His unbeaten 75 off 33 balls was not just about power; it was also about timing the acceleration. He did not force the issue early in his stay, instead allowing the game to settle before picking his moments.

Even then, the game was not entirely in Mumbai's control while entering the final stretch. Punjab had an opening, much like they have had in recent matches. What followed, though, was a familiar unraveling.

Will Jacks ensured there would be no late twist. His unbeaten 25 off 10 balls turned the chase into something closer to a heist. Interestingly, Mumbai Indians were led by Jasprit Bumrah in this match, making them the first team in IPL history to have three different Indian captains in a single season.

The death overs told the story Punjab would rather not revisit. It meant that a fifth consecutive loss followed, each one beginning to resemble the last. The scrutiny on Shreyas Iyer, already intense, will only grow sharper after another game where control slipped late.

For Mumbai, there was also a subplot that might carry forward. Jasprit Bumrah began his stint as captain with a win, and while this was just one game, it hinted at a different kind of narrative taking shape.

Earlier, Punjab Kings arrived at 200/8 almost in spite of how the innings unfolded. Mumbai's mid-innings discipline, led by Shardul Thakur, saw Punjab lose wickets in clusters. Thakur returned with figures of 4/39.

Piyal Bhattacharjee

75 Unbeaten runs off 33 balls by Tilak Varma, his first fifty in eight innings vs Punjab & 10th in the IPL.

1 Punjab Kings became the first team to register eight totals of 200+ in an IPL season twice. They first accomplished the feat last year. Two other teams have achieved the feat once each — Gujarat Titans in 2025 and Sunrisers Hyderabad in this IPL.

4-39 Shardul Thakur has produced his third four-wicket haul in the IPL, his second vs Punjab. His best IPL figures being 4/34 vs SRH in Hyderabad on March 27, 2025.

430 Ryan Rickelton has become the first MI batter to manage 400+ runs in this IPL, his tally being 430 at an average of 47.77 in 10 innings, including a hundred and two fifties at a strike rate of 190.6.

SCOREBOARD

PBKS: P Arya b Chahar 22, P Singh c Bosch b Thakur 57, C Connolly b Bawa 21, S Iyer b Thakur 4, S Shedge c Bawa b Thakur 8, S Singh lbw b Bosch 2, A Omarzai c Jacks b Chahar 38, M Jansen b Thakur 2, V Vinod not out 15, X Bartlett not out 18; **Extras: (b5, lb1, w7) 13; Total: (8 wkts) 200; FoW:** 1-50, 2-107, 3-111, 4-111, 5-123, 6-135, 7-140, 8-166; **Bowling:** Chahar 4-0-36-2, Bumrah 4-0-35-0, Thakur 4-0-39-4, Bosch 4-0-42-1, Raghu 2-0-22-0, Jacks 1-0-9-0, Bawa 1-0-11-1

MI: R Sharma b Chahal 25, R Rickelton c Arya b Omarzai 48, N Dhir c Arshdeep b Jansen 9, T Varma not out 75, S Rutherford c Bartlett b Omarzai 20, W Jacks not out 25; **Extras: (w3) 3; Total: (4 wkts, 19.5 ovrs) 205; FoW:** 1-61, 2-81, 3-88, 4-149; **Bowling:** Arshdeep 4-0-29-0, Omarzai 4-0-36-2, Jansen 4-0-55-1, Bartlett 3.5-0-53-0, Chahal 4-0-32-1

Result: MI won by 6 wickets

HOW THEY STAND

TEAM	M	W	L	NR	NRR	P
RCB	12	8	4	0	1.053	16
GT	12	8	4	0	0.551	16
SRH	12	7	5	0	0.331	14
PBKS	12	6	5	1	0.355	13
CSK	11	6	5	0	0.185	12
RR	11	6	5	0	0.082	12
DC	12	5	7	0	-0.993	10
KKR	11	4	6	1	-0.198	9
MI	12	4	8	0	-0.504	8
LSG	11	3	8	0	-0.907	6

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Injury-hit CSK look to book playoff berth

Fazal Khan | TNN

Lucknow: Chennai Super Kings will arrive in Lucknow with momentum, opportunity and a lengthening injury list when they face Lucknow Super Giants on Friday. The stakes are vastly different for the two sides: CSK are pushing hard for a playoff berth while LSG, already out of contention, are playing for pride.

Chennai are fifth on the table with 12 points, and a win will make things easier for them. With three league games left, every match is now a must-win contest for the five-time champions.

The teams are meeting for the second time in less than a week. At Chepauk on May 10, CSK chased down 204 to win by five wickets. That result gave Chennai boost and also showed the depth in their batting.

Sanju Samson and Ruturaj Gaikwad have given CSK stability at the top while Urvil Patel's blistering 65 off 23 balls in the previous meeting grabbed the spotlight. His 13-ball fifty equalled the fastest half-century in IPL history. Shivam Dube, too, has chipped in with useful late-order runs.

LSG, meanwhile, will feel they let that game slip. Josh Inglis' 85 off 33 balls had powered them to a flying start, but CSK pulled things back to restrict Lucknow to 203/8 before completing the chase.

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1 LSG's Shahbaz Ahmed (43* & 2/30 in Chennai on May 10, 2026) remains the only allrounder to score 40+ and bag a two-wicket haul in matches involving the two teams.

With just three wins from 11 matches, LSG's season has fallen well short of expectations, but they still have a chance to influence the playoff race. CSK's main concern is availability. Jamie Overton has been ruled out with a right thigh injury and Dian Forrester has joined the squad as his replacement. Chennai have also had to manage injury issues around Ramakrishna Ghosh and Ayush Mhatre.

Head coach Stephen Fleming said the setbacks were unfortunate rather than the result of overworking players. "It is unlucky. A couple of the boys came into the competition with niggles. Ramakrishna Ghosh was one of those. We were nursing him through and then he had a fall," Fleming said.

On Overton, he added, "Jamie plays the game at 100 miles an hour. So bowling 150, batting hard, there is a chance that he is going to have an injury at some stage."

For Kohli, the fire still burns

'It Eats Me Up When I Don't Score'

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Nearly two years after stepping away from T20Is and a year after bidding farewell to Tests, Virat Kohli continues to show that the competitive spirit burns undiminished.

After consecutive ducks had briefly raised questions, he responded on Wednesday night in the only way he knows — with a statement innings. And not just any innings, but an unbeaten 105 off 60 balls that powered Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a six-wicket victory over Kolkata Knight Riders in a chase of 193.

This was the chase master at his most familiar and formidable — composed early on, ruthless once the asking rate climbed, and rock-solid through the middle overs when the contest threatened to drift. Kohli brought up his ninth IPL century in 58 deliveries, but the landmark barely interrupted his rhythm. The tempo never dipped, the intent never wavered.

"The celebration was not a big one because we know the importance of the points," Kohli said after guiding RCB to the top of the table. "The fact that I did not score runs, it eats me up because I have been playing well. It bothers you because that has been the goal — to be the best version. Century or no century, the more important thing is to finish the game."

After the brief lull, a touch of nerves might have been inevitable. Instead, the former RCB captain embraced the pressure.

"There is a reason people say pressure is a privilege — it keeps you humble. Good pressure always helps you improve your game. A couple of games that do not go your way, you feel a bit of nervousness, and that helps you. It takes a lot of effort, but it helps your game go up. Those failures are important."

It was a vintage Kohli show in Raipur. He timed the ball with precision and collected singles and twos with the same intensity that has long defined his batting. "Just my positions at the crease, not doing anything extravagant and backing my game. Picking length, hitting the gaps I can hit," said Kohli after hitting his 10th T20 century — the most by an Indian in the format.

And yet, beneath the calm and after a record-breaking knock, there remains the hunger that has always driven the IPL's most-capped player. "I just love batting," he said. "It is an honour to be competing at this level and against the very best still. I give my heart and soul out there because it is going to finish one day.

"I want to make the most of it, and look forward to pressure situations, where I am feeling a bit of heat, and then I challenge myself to just go for it. Sport teaches you a lot. Even after all these years, it is the love for the game. I love hitting the ball in the middle of the bat. That joy is still there," said Kohli.

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105* Kohli's unbeaten knock against KKR on Wednesday, his 2nd century vs KKR and his 9th IPL hundred, extending his own record. His tally of 6 hundreds in a winning cause in the IPL is second best to Jos Buttler's 7. Chris Gayle also has 6 centuries in wins.

10 Hundreds by Kohli in all T20s, making him the 4th batter to get to the mark after Chris Gayle (22), Babar Azam (13) and David Warner (10).

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

"Pressure is a privilege. It keeps you humble, focused, makes you work hard. You can't take things for granted. Butterflies in the stomach always help you improve."
—Virat Kohli

CoE mulls 3 fast bowling coaches

Balaji, VRV In Fray As BCCI Bids To Revive Pace Pathways

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New Delhi: In bid to restore pace-bowling resources, the Indian cricket board (BCCI) is contemplating hiring thee fast bowling coaches at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru.

TOI understands former India pacers Lakshmipathy Balaji and VRV Singh are frontrunners to take two of these positions. P Krishna Kumar, who has produced good results with the Jammu and Kashmir team, is also in the race. Former India pacers Vinay Kumar and Tinu Yohanan were also interviewed for the positions.

It is learnt that former English county pacer Steffan Jones was in contention but the board is keen on hiring an Indian.

The position of a fast-bowling coach at the CoE has remained vacant since Troy Cooley's tenure got over late last year. It is learnt that the CoE intends to depute a fast bowling coach to specifically work on bowlers coming through age-group cricket, starting from the U-16 level. Another coach will specifically be for bowlers in the fray to play for India. Another will be an coordinating assistant. The CoE has a similar model for strength and conditioning coaches and physios.

The BCCI and CoE have realised that there needs to be a more robust approach towards preparing a pool of fast bowlers. The national selectors started a scheme in 2024 where they gave out fast-bowling contracts to a few up and coming fast bowlers but that has been discontinued.

The India 'A' programme is not as robust as it was when Rahul Dravid was in charge of the developmental teams and the erstwhile National Cricket Academy (NCA). A crop of bowlers were always under the supervision of Dravid and former bowling coach Paras Mhambrey. Umran Malik's downfall is seen as a prime example.

In some other appointments, Rajasthan wicketkeeper Dishant Yagnik could land the job of a fielding coach at the CoE while Dhananjay Kaushik has been promoted to be head of sports medicine in place of Nitin Patel.

SOORYAVANSHI IN INDIA 'A' SQUAD FOR SL TRI-SERIES

New Delhi: Teenage batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was on Thursday named in the 15-member India 'A' squad for the tri-nation 50-over series in Sri Lanka starting June 9. Apart from the hosts, the other team in the tournament is Afghanistan 'A'. The matches will be played in Dambulla.

It is understood that Sooryavanshi has been included as selectors wanted to give him a chance to check him out with India 'A' before he is picked for the senior team for the upcoming tour of the United Kingdom starting June 26. The tri-nation series ends on June 21.

Squad: Tilak Varma (c), Priyansh Arya, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Riyan Parag (vc), Ayush Badoni, Nishant Sindhu, Harsh Dubey, Suryansh Shedge, Prabhsimran Singh (wk), Kumar Kushagra (wk), Vipraj Nigam, Yash Thakur, Yudhvir Singh, Anshul Kamboj, Arshad Khan. PTI

Soyez is new jr men's coach

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Bengaluru: A day after, former Indian men's junior hockey coach PR Sreejesh questioned Hockey India on being handed the reins of the team again, the federation on Thursday named his successor.

Frenchman Frederic Soyez will take over as the junior chief coach and is expected to join the team at the SAI, South Centre, here shortly. An accomplished coach in European hockey, Soyez brings over three decades of elite hockey experience, including 15 years as an international player for France and an equal number of years as head coach of international teams.

Soyez, who made 196 appearances for France, has coached at three Olympics, having guided Spain at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 before helming France at the 2024 Olympics. He was also the former high-performance director of the French hockey federation.

Sindhu, Lakshya, Satwik-Chirag in QF

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PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty eased into the quarterfinals of the Thailand Open BWF Super-500 tournament in Bangkok on Thursday.

Former world No.1 Kidambi Srikanth and Devika Sihag lost their second round matches. While Srikanth faltered against Su Li Yang of Chinese Taipei 16-21, 21-11, 18-21, Devika went down to Pitchamon Opatniputh of Thailand 21-23, 11-21.

THAILAND OPEN

Lakshya, the lone Indian in men's singles after Srikanth's exit, had it easy against the unseeded Chinese shuttler Zhu Xuan Chen 21-12, 21-13. The seventh-seeded Indian has a tough quarterfinal against second seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand. Kunlavut trounced Lee Chia Hao of Chinese Taipei 21-11, 21-13.

Sindhu drubbed Amalie Schulz of Denmark 21-13, 21-15 to set up a quarterfinal meeting with top seed Akane Yamaguchi. The Japanese shuttler won a three-game contest against Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand 21-12, 17-21, 21-17.

Top seeds Satwik-Chirag will face sixth seeds Takumi Nomura and Yuichi Shimogam of Japan in the quarterfinals. The Indian pair beat Bryan Jeremy Goonting and Muhammad Haikal of Malaysia 21-12, 21-19 in the second round. **Results (Rd II; Men's singles):** Lakshya Sen bt Zhu Xuan Chen (Chn) 21-12, 21-13; Su Li Yang (Tpe) bt Kidambi Srikanth 21-16, 11-21, 21-18. **Women's singles:** PV Sindhu bt Amalie Schulz (Den) 21-13, 21-15; Devika Sihag lost to Pitchamon Opatniputh (Tha) 21-23, 11-21 **Men's doubles:** Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty bt Bryan Jeremy Goonting/Muhammad Haikal (Mas) 21-12, 21-19.

Shock exit for Nikhat at selection trials

Boxer's CWG, Asiad Window Closed Now, Says Coach Nieva

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Patiala: Two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen suffered a heartbreaking exit from boxing selection trials for the upcoming CWG and Asian Games on Thursday. But beyond the disappointment of defeat, Nikhat revealed the physical and mental toll of a chaotic two-week build-up that she described as "torturous" for boxers. Competing in the women's 51kg category at the NS NIS Centre here, Nikhat lost 1-4 in the semifinal to Haryana's Sakshi Chaudhary, representing Services, ending the former's hopes of representing India at two of the year's biggest multisport events. Sakshi, who moved down from the 54 kg division specifically to target qualification for the Glasgow CWG and Aichi-Nagoya Asiad, produced a composed performance to outbox the experienced 29-year-old from Telangana.

The defeat came as a surprise, what with Nikhat widely considered one of the country's strongest medal contenders. The bruising contest left a visible mark beneath her left eye, while exhaustion reflected the intensity of both the bout and the weeks leading up to it.

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OUTPUNCHED: Nikhat Zareen

Despite the setback, Nikhat remained composed and introspective. "I feel whatever happens, happens for a good reason. Now I can go back home and work on my mistakes," she told **TOI** after the bout. "I was mentally and physically drained. My body was feeling exhausted. I was not spending enough time at home. I've been travelling continuously for tournaments since Jan 2025."

Nikhat admitted that the relentless schedule had left her with little recovery time and that she now plans to focus on rebuilding her fitness, endurance and strength before targeting qualification for the Los Angeles Olympics. "Next, I'll prepare for the Nationals whenever the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) announces them. I'll make a strong comeback," she said, "The world qualifiers for the LA Olympics next year will be my first priority."

However, the larger frustration for Nikhat stemmed from what she called administrative tussle between the BFI and the Sports Authority of India (SAI), which she said severely affected the athletes' preparation. "In their administrative fight, athletes got sandwiched. We suffered and felt hurt. Both SAI and BFI had their issues with the assessment process, but boxers had to pay the price. It was two torturous weeks for boxers."

Women's team head coach Santiago Nieva backed Nikhat to bounce back. "The competition was open and boxers needed to prove themselves," Nieva said. "Obviously, this CWG and Asiad window is closed for Nikhat now, but she has to aspire for the Olympics. She has plenty of experience and can bounce back strongly in her weight category. Sakshi boxed very well today."

The trials also witnessed other surprise exits, with Nitu Ghanghas (51kg), Pooja Rani (80kg) and Hitesh Gulia (70kg) failing to secure places in the national squad after semifinal defeats.

LA '28: Four qualifiers for Indian boxers

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Patiala: Indian boxers will have four opportunities to secure qualification for Olympics 2028, but the road to Los Angeles is expected to be highly competitive given the rising standards in global boxing.

Boxers who secure the top two national rankings after the selection trials here will also represent the nation at the 56th Grand Prix Usti nad Labem tournament in the Czech Republic and the World Boxing Cup.

However, the crucial phase for Olympic qualification will begin in 2027 and continue into 2028. Indian boxers will get four qualification events to book their berths for LA 2028 — the World Championships 2027 in Astana, Kazakhstan, the Asian Qualifier 2027, the 1st World Qualifier 2028 and the 2nd World Qualifier 2028.

SNAP SHOTS

Sinner in semis

Jannik Sinner reached the semifinals of the Italian Open on Thursday after seeing off Andrey Rublev and establishing a new record of consecutive wins in Masters 1000 tournaments. Another straight-sets victory, this time 6-2, 6-4 over Rublev, moved Sinner up to 32 straight wins in the ATP's top-ranked events, one more than the previous record established by Novak Djokovic in 2011.

Messi shines in Miami win: Lionel Messi scored twice and had a hand in two others as Inter Miami fought back to beat FC Cincinnati 5-3 away in the MLS on Wednesday. With the World Cup in North America less than a month away, Argentina captain Messi is in excellent form. He has 11 goals in 12 MLS matches this season, Miami's latest victory boosting them into second place in the Eastern Conference with 25 points.

Salah fit for Villa game: Mohamed Salah could make his return from injury in Liverpool's Premier League game at Aston Villa this week, manager Arne Slot said on Thursday. "Mo (Salah) will be available tomorrow but only for a few minutes. Hopefully he can come in," Slot said.

Dahiya stays ahead: Overnight leader Arjun Dahiya fired a one-over 73 card to stay one shot ahead of Vihaan Jain (73) at the IGU Andhra Pradesh Junior Boys Golf in Visakhapatnam on Thursday. The duo of Chaitanya Pandey (74) and Ishnidh Virdi (75) also remained in contention three shots off the pace. **Leading scores (Kar players): Cat 'A' (15-17 years): 214:** Ishnidh Virdi (70, 71, 75); **220:** Sidhant Nathan (74, 75, 71); **Cat 'B' (13-14): 231:** Aditya Tewari (79, 77, 75); **Cat 'C' (11-12): 239:** Vivaan Singh (81, 80, 78).

Priya takes lead: Karnataka's Priya Kumari shot a bogey-free, two-under 70 on Thursday to vault to the top of the leaderboard at the IGU Pune Ladies & Junior Girls Golf Championship. **Top K'taka scores: Combined: 142:** Priya Kumari; **Cat 'C': 155:** Ridhima Kapoor; **164:** Aashna Amogha.

Hemanth declared winner: Bengaluru's Hemanth Mudappa was declared the national champion in the unrestricted class after the Indian Motorsports Appeals Court restored his title. The court ruled against the false start and awarded the re-run in favour of Mudappa.

Guite nets hat-trick: Nehgoumng Guite scored a hat-trick as FC Real Bengaluru claimed a 6-0 win over Freelancers in the KSFA 'C' division football league. **Results:** Play Smart 4 (Shamil 28, 33, Siddharth 37, 43) bt United Ace 0; FX 3 (Kaviarsu 12, G Kishore 28-pen, Vismay 60+2) bt Technico 2 (Yash Pishe 5-pen, Sabstian L 30); BM 3 (Gopi 26, 53, Anto 55) bt Vanquisher Sports 2 (Aarav Choudhary 3, Lalhimpuia 48); FC Real B'luru 6 (Yirang 3, Vishalv Saika 17, L Joshi 21, N Guite 28, 30, 54) bt Freelancers FC 0; B'lore Champs Academy 6 (L Subramani 12, Abinesh 17, Mathu 36, 38, Amal 47, Mohammed Aathif 57) bt North East Youth FC 0. Noel Wilson FC bt TAL (w/o).

Out of contract, footballers fret over future

'At Least 148 Players' Stare At Uncertainty As Season Wraps Up In A Fortnight

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Panaji: When Petr Kratky spoke about the uncertainty plaguing his future at Mumbai City FC, he was speaking not just for himself but several other coaches and players who do not know when they will sign their next contract.

Kratky, who won the Indian Super League (ISL) with Mumbai in his debut season two years ago, has "spoken briefly" with the club about life beyond this season. There are no assurances, simply because nobody really knows the roadmap for the future as the All India Football Federation (AIFF) tries to onboard a commercial partner.

"There is uncertainty for all of us," Kratky said after the loss against East Bengal last week. "There are no secrets, we don't know what will happen in two months. We don't know whether the ISL will happen or not. Players (too) have a lot of questions. 'Will I have a contract or not,' they wonder? It's a difficult situation."

India's current football season ends in a fortnight. But clubs have stalled contract talks with their players. No new targets have been locked, out-of-contract foreigners are free to engage elsewhere.

Based on information available on the federation's Centralised Registration system (CRS), at least 148 players in the top tier of Indian football will be without a contract at the end of the month. Twenty per cent of them are either national team players, those knocking on the doors or have previously represented India.

Even a cash-rich club like Mohun Bagan SG have not signed new contracts.

Among the out-of-contract players are several national team stars, which includes captain Sandesh Jhingan, who has spent the last three years at FC Goa. Bengaluru's experienced defender Rahul Bheke, Nikhil Prabhu, Danish Farooq, Amrinder Singh, Prabsukhan Singh Gill, Deepak Tangri, Ayush Chettri, Udanta Singh, Brison Fernandes, Ritwik Das, Isak Vanlalruatfela, Rahul KP, Farukh Chaudhury, Puitea and Irfan Yadwad are other popular footballers who will keep an eye on what transpires between the clubs and the federation.

"We are currently out of contract with a vast majority of the players and unfortunately our hands are tied," said Goa CEO Ravi Puskur. "The long-term clarity is vital for us to plan and we don't have that."

The AIFF appears keen to accept a bid from London-headquartered data company, Genius Sports, for the commercial rights of ISL and Federation Cup. Top tier clubs have said the bid does not make commercial sense. Instead, they have proposed a club-led model, with Genius Sports as the data and technology partner.

ISL WOES

Inter Kashi players threaten to boycott ISL ties over unpaid wages

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Kolkata: Last season's I-League winners, Inter Kashi players have threatened to "boycott" their final two matches of the ongoing Indian Super League, citing unpaid salaries and plunging the Varanasi-based club's debut season in the top league into a full-blown crisis.

The players' apparent revolt has come close on the heels of veteran Spanish head coach Antonio Lopez Habas' decision to leave his post before the team's last match against Mohun Bagan SG here on Tuesday.

Inter Kashi — currently placed 10th on the standings with 12 points from 11 matches — are scheduled to wind up their campaign with a game at SC Delhi in the Capital on Sunday before facing East Bengal.

"Of the past four months, we have received only one-month's salary. Even payment for members of the staff is due. If the club doesn't resolve the issue immediately and clear our pending dues, we're not going to play the last two matches of the season," an Inter Kashi player seeking anonymity told **TOI**. "If the club management doesn't address our financial issues and make payment before Saturday, we're not going to travel to New Delhi and will also boycott the final match (against East Bengal)," the player added.

An Inter Kashi-like storm is also brewing at Mohammedan SC. Mehrajuddin Wadoo's last-placed side is facing relegation after managing just 3 points from 11 matches. A few days ago, players boycotted training over unpaid wages, prompting the club management to persuade them to play with the assurance of a partial payment.

I'M EXCITED TO BE BACK AT A MAJOR

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Much as we try to approach a Major just like any other tournament, there is always a different feeling when you arrive at a Major championship week.

The PGA Championship has always had one of the strongest fields and it brings out the best in the game. Standing at Aronimink on the eve of the 2026 championship, I feel excited, motivated and genuinely grateful to be in this position.

Last year, missing the PGA Championship and the US Open was very disappointing, especially after finishing T-12 at the PGA in 2024. I was really looking forward to building on that momentum but the setback forced me to step back and evaluate everything. One of the biggest differences for me this year is that I feel settled — physically, mentally and emotionally. Coming into this week, I feel like my form is trending in the right direction. My iron play has been more consistent, I'm driving the ball with a lot more confidence.

At Aronimink, the greens are fast and subtle. I've spent a lot of time this week working on it. (SAHITH THEEGALA IS A PGA TOUR WINNER AND GLOBAL BRAND AMBASSADOR OF HERO MOTOCORP)

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Super Bowl-style show: Does it mean an extended halftime?

New York City: The World Cup final will feature a star-studded halftime show headlined by **Madonna, Shakira and boy-band BTS**. They will star in a Super Bowl-style halftime show curated by Coldplay singer Chris Martin on July 19. A few reports say the show could last longer than 15 minutes.

Ancelotti contract renewed until 2030 WC: Carlo Ancelotti will remain coach of Brazil's national team until 2030. The new contract will put the Italian at the helm of the team "until the 2030 World Cup." AGENCIES

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Barcelona's Olmo is challenged by Alaves' Parada

Alaves end champions Barca's 100-point bid

Barcelona: Newly-crowned Spanish champions Barcelona suffered a 1-0 defeat by Alaves on Wednesday, ending their bid to match the all-time La Liga record points total of 100. Hansi Flick's side needed to win their remaining three matches to reach that figure but fell at the first hurdle in Vitoria. Ibrahim Diabate's goal in first half stoppage time earned Alaves a vital victory in their battle against relegation, taking Quique Sanchez Flores's team out of the drop zone and up to 15th. "It was not an easy game, they (battled) in a hard way, but it's OK because they are fighting to stay in La Liga and this is normal," Flick said.

'Real compiling important dossier on Barca'

Real Madrid president Florentino Perez said he will take "an important dossier" to UEFA about rivals Barcelona and their payment of millions of euros to a company that belonged to Jose Maria Enriquez Negreira, the former vice president of Spanish football's refereeing committee. AGENCIES

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PSG's Mbaye (left) celebrates with Ramos

The sweetest and hardest of our Ligue 1 titles: Luis

Paris: Paris St Germain are often praised for their incisive attacking play but the 2-0 victory over Lens on Wednesday which sealed a fifth straight title showed they have the mentality to win games even when they are on the back foot, said boss Luis Enrique.

"This is the sweetest and hardest title to win. The hardest of the three years we've had here, all credit to Lens," the Spanish manager said.

PSG won the league with just one game to spare, much tighter than in their 2024-25 campaign when they won with six games left. "If you want to win trophies, you have to be able to dominate both offensively and defensively. And the team today showed the mentality it needs to win," said Enrique. REUTERS

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Man City's Marmoush scores against Crystal Palace

City still alive but need Arsenal slip: Guardiola

Manchester: Pep Guardiola said all Manchester City can do is stay alive and hope for an Arsenal slip-up in the Premier League title race after a 3-0 win against Crystal Palace on Wednesday. With two games remaining for both challengers, City still have a chance of securing a 7th league crown in nine years.

RACE FOR EPL

	P	GD	Pt
Arsenal	36	42	79
Man City	36	43	77

Guardiola said his team had to work hard to break down a hard-working Palace team. Now the City boss turns his attention to Saturday's FA Cup final at Wembley against Chelsea. "We try to be alive until the next (Premier League) game, which is Bournemouth," he told Sky Sports. "Depends on them (Arsenal)," he told the BBC. "If they win two games, nothing to do."

Scenario: If the Gunners overcome relegated Burnley next Monday, City must beat Bournemouth, who are chasing Champions League qualification, the following day, to keep the race alive. REUTERS

From Bengaluru to Texas, gritty Tyagi finds his way

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Bengaluru: Several Indian players have taken the US collegiate tennis route before turning professional. Somdev Devvarman and Dhakshineswar Suresh made good use of those opportunities to launch their careers. Now, Bengaluru's Kriish Tyagi, a freshman at Texas A&M University, is hoping to use the same pathway as a stepping stone to a brighter future.

The 19-year-old, who is majoring in business and finance, has been in the US since Sept. Currently on his summer break, Tyagi is back at the familiar surroundings of the SM Krishna Tennis Stadium. A wildcard entrant at the Karnataka Open ATP Challenger, the tournament marks his first Tour-level competition of the year, and there is a noticeable difference in his demeanour. His trademark wavy long hair has been trimmed, and there is a new sense of confidence in his overall game.

Ranked 1322 on the ATP circuit, Tyagi, who started playing tennis at the age of 10, grabbed attention with wins over higher-ranked Japanese players Taiyo Yamanaka (749) and Yuta Kawahashi (637) in the first two rounds.

Chethan Shivakumar

ON THE MOVE: Kriish Tyagi

On Thursday he came up with the biggest win of his career. He edged past Britain's second seed Hamish Stewart (328) 7-6 (7), 5-7, 6-4 to move into his maiden semifinal at a Challenger event.

"College tennis has helped me a lot since last year because I'm always playing with ATP-ranked players. I get to learn about their discipline, what they do on the court, and their intensity. Spending most of your time with players who want to go pro and have the same goals as you helps a lot," said Tyagi, who enjoyed a career-high ranking of 33 on the ITF junior circuit last year.

Off the court too, a lot has changed for Tyagi. He has become far more independent compared with his junior days, when he often travelled with his mother, Sapna, for tournaments.

"Before I went to college, I was expecting it to be tough because I was going to be alone. I'm doing everything by myself, and it only makes you mentally stronger because no one's going to help you there," he said.

Manish goes down

Meanwhile, India's Manish Sureshkumar's (829) winning run came to an end as he lost to Ilya Ivashka. The Belarusian scored a 6-3, 6-3 win in 74 minutes. American top-seed Keegan Smith (289) moved into the semis as he beat Serbia's Ognjen Milic 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Results: Singles (QF): I Ivashka bt Manish Sureshkumar (Ind) 6-3, 6-3; 1-Keegan Smith (US) bt 5-Ognjen Milic (Srb) 7-6 (5), 6-3; 4-Philip Se-

Aryaman, Akshara triumph

Karnataka's Aryaman Singh and Akshara Makhija clinched the U-17 and U-13 boys and girls titles respectively at the Gear Squash Open in Bengaluru on Wednesday. **Results (finals): Men:** Rahul Baitha (Mah) bt Kunal Singh (MP), 11-8, 15-13, 11-1; **U-19:** Darshil P (TN) bt Rahul Balakrishnan (Kar), 11-4, 11-9, 11-4; **U-17:** Aryaman Singh (Kar) bt Mihir Bopana (TN) 12-10, 11-9, 6-11, 11-2; **U-15:** Rishabh S (Mah) bt Fareed Andrabi (Raj) 12-10, 6-11, 6-11, 11-7, 11-7; **U-13:** Thanuj Reddy (Tel) bt Nirmay Chaudhary (Chd) 11-6, 9-11, 11-5, 6-11, 11-8; **U-11:** Vedant Shinde (Mah) bt Viraj Shinde (Mah) 11-8, 11-5, 11-4. **Women:** Yashi Jain (Raj) bt Khushboo (UP) 11-6, 11-4, 11-3; **U-19:** Sehar Nayar (Chd) bt Riyansika Verma (Kar) 11-8, 3-11, 9-11, 15-13, 11-7; **U-17:** Devashree A (Har) bt Arya Sood (Del) 11-5, 8-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-8; **U-15:** Nandikasree (TN) bt Chhavi P (Har) 11-6, 5-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6; **U-13:** Akshara Makhija (Kar) bt Sameeksha Sugumar (Kar) 11-7, 11-5, 11-2; **U-11:** Sharanya Ghosh (Jha) bt Anshika Kumari (Kar) 11-4, 11-9, 9-11, 7-11, 11-8. TNN

Arya stars for Social Cricketers

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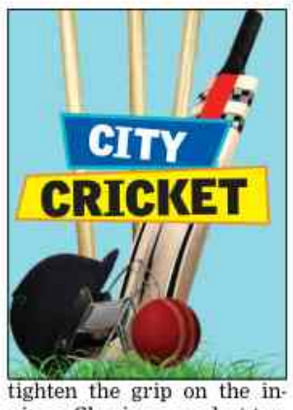

Bengaluru: Arya Ayyappan's impressive five-wicket haul guided Social Cricketers to a comfortable five-wicket victory over Palar Sports Club in the KSCA U-16 inter-club tournament here.

Opting to bat, Palar SC were bowled out for 114 in 22 overs. The team suffered a middle-order collapse, losing six wickets for the addition of five runs. Captain Vishal Reddy top-scored with 34 runs but lacked support from the other end. Arya's (5/40) best came in the 10th over, in which he claimed three wickets.

Vinjamuri Rushyanth and Vyom Naidu chipped in with two wickets each to tighten the grip on the innings. Chasing a modest target, Social Cricketers approached the target in a steady manner. The opening pair stitched together a solid partnership and crossed the half-way mark of the chase in 59 balls, laying a strong platform for the rest of the batting unit. Social overhauled the target in the 22nd over.

Brief scores: Palar SC: 114 in 22 overs (Chayaank Pradeep 25, Vishal Reddy 34; Vinjamuri Rushyanth 2-27, Arya Ayyappan 5-40, Lakshmi Sai Nihal 2-7) lost to Social Cricketers: 118/5 in 22 overs (Athreya Bhat 29, Hridaan Sai 26; Vishal Reddy SV 3-27). Freelancers CC: 223 in 46 overs (Pratinav Paul 25, Nipun Devaiah 38, Akhilesh Yadav 81; Pruthu Avinash Aathreya 2-47, Tejas Mukund 2-30, Sajal Bansal 4-39) bt B'lore Occasionals: 70 all out in 19.3 overs (Rishab Hiremath 2-31, Chnadrasekharan Jayaram 5-32,

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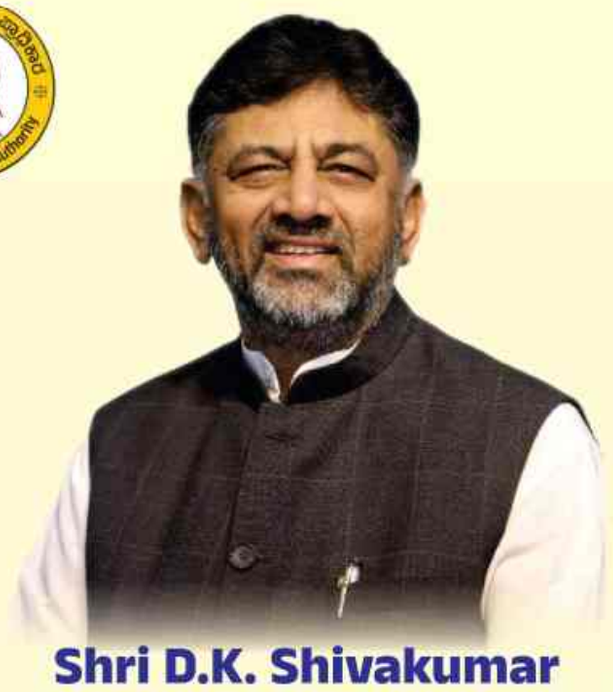

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The Art of the Kneel: China hands Trump a reality check about its rise

Xi Invokes 'Thucydides Trap'; Warns On Taiwan; US Prez Sticks To Trade Deals

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Reuters

Trump and Xi attend a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Thursday; (R) duo visit the Temple of Heaven. Trump said he has invited Xi to visit the White House on Sept 24

Washington: If symbolism is the first language of diplomacy, then US President Donald Trump's visit to Beijing this week amounted to a geopolitical translation of a changing world order: a confident, ascendant China speaking as an equal — if not superior — power to an American president increasingly eager for accommodation rather than confrontation.

The summit between the US President and China's President Xi Jinping on Thursday unfolded less like a meeting between a reigning superpower and a challenger than an audience between a cautious petitioner and an imperious host. In carefully choreographed remarks, Xi invoked the "Thucydides Trap" — the theory that war often erupts when a rising power threatens to displace an established one — while pointedly warning Washington against mishandling Taiwan.

Trump, by contrast, lavished praise on Xi, extolled future business deals, and emphasised agricultural purchases, investment and trade access. The asymmetry was striking not merely in tone but in substance.

China's official readout of the meeting prominently featured Xi warning that Taiwan remained "the most important issue in China-US relations" and that "Taiwan independence" and peace across the Taiwan Strait were "as irreconcilable as fire and water". Beijing also stressed opposition to the "militarisation of the strait" and referenced tensions surrounding Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz, triggered by the US-Israeli attack on Iran.

The White House readout, however, omitted Taiwan entirely. Instead, the US account highlighted economic cooperation, Chinese purchases of American agricultural products, market access for US firms, cooperation on fentanyl, and expanded business ties. Trump declared that the relationship would become "better than ever before" and spoke glowingly of "a fantastic future".

For years, Washington's bipartisan foreign policy establishment framed China as the revisionist challenger and the US as the status quo power setting the terms of engagement. But after Trump's tariff offensives failed to bend Beijing and China weaponised its dominance over rare earth supply chains, the optics in Beijing suggested a different reality: China appearing increasingly comfortable dictating red lines while Washington seeks stability and economic relief.

Xi's invocation of the Thucydides Trap was especially weighted. The phrase originates with ancient Greek historian Thucydides, who chronicled the Peloponnesian War and famously wrote that it was "the rise of Athens and the fear that this inspired in Sparta" that made conflict inevitable. In recent years, political scientist Graham Allison popularised the concept in his 2017 book "Destined for War", arguing that structural rivalry between a rising China and an established US risked catastrophic conflict unless carefully managed.

Xi has referenced the concept before, but his use of it in Trump's presence carried unmistakable symbolism. "Transformation not seen in a century is accelerating," Xi declared. "China and the United States need to overcome the Thucydides Trap and join hands to create the future."

The subtext was unmistakable: Beijing no longer speaks as a junior player seeking accommodation within an American-led order. It increasingly speaks as a peer power insisting Washington adjust to a multipolar reality.

Trump, meanwhile, appeared eager to do exactly that. Far from reviving the hawkish rhetoric that once defined Republican China policy, Trump adopted the language of managed coexistence. "There is no winner in a trade war," Xi told him — a line Trump did not publicly contest.

"Donald Trump is the key dove," former Pentagon official Dan Blumenthal observed recently in Politico. "He wants stability. He's just very impressed with Chinese power and doesn't believe that we're in any position at the moment to win a strategic competition."

That assessment has been reinforced by a stream of recent intelligence and military analysis that paint an unsettling picture for Washington. According to a report disclosed this week, the Joint Staff's intelligence directorate warned its chairman, General Dan Caine, that China has been selling weapons to key West Asian partners while US stockpiles were depleted defending Gulf allies during the Iran conflict. The analysis reportedly alarmed Pentagon officials because Beijing was effectively arming countries Washington itself was struggling to protect.

China has simultaneously expanded its role as an emergency energy supplier — despite the stress it is itself under — after Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz disrupted global markets. Beijing has reportedly stepped in to provide energy support to countries including Australia, Thailand and the Philippines — all US treaty allies or strategic partners. The intel assessment concluded that China had "seized on the 39-day conflict to expand its military, economic and diplomatic influence around the world".

Even the atmospherics of the Beijing summit reflected the altered balance. Trump, as usual, deployed his trademark superlatives, telling Xi that American CEOs accompanying him — including Elon Musk and Tim Cook — had come to China to "pay respects". Xi responded with cool restraint. Where Trump personalised and flattered, Xi remained measured and institutional. It was less the chemistry of two friends than the choreography of two powers acknowledging a changing hierarchy — with Beijing increasingly confident that history, economics and strategic momentum are tilting in its favour.

Xi showed interest in buying US oil: WH

President Xi Jinping expressed interest in buying more US oil to reduce China's dependence on the Strait of Hormuz during a summit with President Trump, according to a White House readout of the meeting published on Thursday. There was no mention of oil purchases in any of the Chinese summaries of the meeting published by state media. China's foreign ministry did not respond to a request for comment. China has not imported US oil since May 2025 because of 20% tariffs imposed during the trade war. REUTERS

US clears H200 chip sales to 10 China firms

The US has cleared around 10 Chinese firms to buy Nvidia's second-most powerful AI chip, the H200, but not a single delivery has been made so far, people familiar with the matter said, leaving a major technology deal in limbo as CEO Jensen Huang seeks a breakthrough this week. Before US export curbs tightened, Nvidia commanded about 95% of China's advanced chip market. Huang has estimated the country's AI market would be worth $50 billion this year. REUTERS

UK's Nigel Farage, under probe for $7m gift, calls it a 'reward' for Brexit

London: Nigel Farage, leader of Britain's right-wing Reform UK party, on Thursday said a 5 million pound ($6.7 million) donation from a cryptocurrency billionaire he received before entering parliament was "a reward for campaigning for Brexit".

Farage is being investigated by parliament's standards watchdog over whether he should have declared the money upon being elected in 2024, though he says it was an unconditional gift and therefore exempt from the rules.

Farage has previously said he accepted the donation from Thailand-based crypto investor Christopher Harborne to pay for his personal security before he announced his candidacy in the 2024 national election.

In a video interview with the Sun published on Thursday, Farage — who was an influential campaigning voice at the 2016 referendum that triggered Britain's exit from the EU — said he was "not in the least bit concerned" by the parliamentary investigation. "This was given to me on an unconditional basis — completely unconditional basis — but frankly, it was given as a reward for campaigning for Brexit for 27 years," Farage said. REUTERS

UK health secretary quits cabinet, says PM Starmer lacks vision and direction

Naomi Canton

AFP

Health secretary Wes Streeting (R) called for a leadership election. Starmer said he would fight any leadership challenge mounted against him

London: UK health secretary Wes Streeting resigned from the cabinet on Thursday with a scathing letter telling UK PM Keir Starmer he had lost faith in his leadership. "Where we need vision, we have a vacuum. Where we need direction, we have drift," Streeting said in a blistering resignation letter, paving the way for a leadership challenge.

Streeting, in his letter, called for a leadership election, a "battle of ideas", but stopped short of triggering one himself, though it is thought he does have the backing of 81 Labour MPs needed to do so.

Downing Street said Starmer would fight any leadership challenge mounted against him. The PM's official spokesman said the "position hasn't changed since he set that out on Monday". Streeting is the first full cabinet minister to resign in the wake of disastrous local election results. Four junior ministers quit earlier in the week.

Streeting revealed in the letter that he had told Starmer earlier in the week that he had lost confidence in his leadership and as a result it was "dishonourable and unprincipled" to remain in post. He criticised Starmer for not taking responsibility for his failures and allowing others to "fall on their swords", and for not listening to Labour colleagues.

He said the reason for Labour's dismal performance in those elections was the "unpopularity of this govt", citing as reasons the winter fuel allowance cuts and Starmer's controversial "Island of Strangers" speech, which was compared to Enoch Powell's "Rivers of Blood" speech.

"For the first time, nationalists are in power in every corner of the UK," he wrote, referring to Plaid Cymru in Wales and the SNP in Scotland, and "including a dangerous English nationalism represented by Nigel Farage and Reform UK". He said this represents an "existential threat" to the integrity of the UK. Labour MPs Angela Rayner, Ed Miliband and Al Carns, and Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham are also seen as challengers to Starmer, though Burnham would need to become an MP first.

Opposition MPs question UK govt over increased aid to polygamous households

Naomi Canton

London: Conservative politicians have slammed the Labour govt for increasing benefits to households in polygamous marriages when polygamy is illegal in Britain.

The department for work and pensions (DWP) has increased the amount it pays out to households with people in polygamous marriages from April 2026.

The amount given in pension credit or housing benefit to husbands and first wives in polygamous marriage has gone up 4.8% to £363.3 (Rs 46,901) per week from £346.6 (Rs 44,751) and each additional wife will get £125.3 (Rs 16,171) per week, up from £119.5 (Rs 15,429). There is no limit on the number of wives (or husbands) that can claim this.

Whilst polygamy is illegal in the UK, if the marriage took place in another country where it is legally allowed, and they moved to the UK after that, the marriage is treated as valid in Britain.

Shadow secretary for work and pensions Helen Whately said: "We don't allow polygamous marriages in the UK. We shouldn't support polygamy in the benefits system. The more I dig into welfare, the more I find to fix."

Tory MP Katie Lam said: "This is completely mad. Britain has no history of polygamy. It's been illegal to enter into a polygamous marriage in England since 1604. When people come to this country, they should abide by our norms. Allowing them not to and then giving them taxpayer money for it is mental."

Shadow home secretary Chris Philp MP said: "Truly insane from a morally bankrupt govt. Polygamy is rightly illegal here. We shouldn't pay a penny of benefits to immigrants' claimed multiple wives. In fact, we shouldn't pay non-citizens benefits at all. This is another insult to British taxpayers who fund this nonsense."

A spokesperson for DWP said in a statement, "We believe very few, if any, polygamous households claim pension credit, housing benefit or any benefit support... There are robust rules in place, which means there is no financial benefit for polygamous households, to ensure fairness across our benefit system."

Trump says China will not provide military equipment to Iran

US President Trump signalled that China is willing to support negotiations with Iran, as he pushes for a diplomatic resolution to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump said his counterpart offered to help, something China has not explicitly confirmed. In a readout of the meeting between Trump and Xi, a White House official said the two sides agreed that the Strait of Hormuz must be open to support the free flow of energy.

"He said he's not going to give them military equipment," Trump said, according to a clip of an interview with Fox News.

China is the Islamic Republic's largest oil buyer and a key diplomatic partner, granting it a degree of diplomatic sway over the Islamic Republic. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Thursday that naval forces had allowed a number of Chinese ships to pass through Strait of Hormuz since Wednesday night.

In a separate development, a commercial vessel was apparently seized by unauthorised personnel near the UAE on Thursday. The ship, whose identity wasn't disclosed, was taken 38 nautical miles off the UAE coast, UK maritime trade operations said. BLOOMBERG

Trump: China has agreed to buy 200 Boeing jets

China has agreed to order 200 Boeing jets, President Trump told Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity in an excerpt of an interview that was released on Thursday. US treasury secretary Scott Bessent had earlier said he expected an announcement about a large Boeing order during Trump's visit to Beijing. "One thing he agreed to today, he's going to order 200 jets ... Boeing wanted 150, they got 200," Fox News cited Trump as saying. REUTERS

Russia pummels Kyiv, 10 dead; peace hopes dented

AP

Inconsolable residents of a building at the attack site in Kyiv

Kyiv: Russia pummelled Kyiv for hours early on Thursday, firing hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles in an attack that killed at least 10 people and further shredded hopes of a halt to Moscow's invasion.

The Ukrainian air force said Russia had launched 675 attack drones and 56 missiles, mainly at Kyiv, adding its air defence units had downed 652 of the drones and 41 missiles. "Everything was burning. People were screaming... people were shouting," Andriy, a Kyiv resident still wearing a nightgown and with blood stains on his shirt, told AFP near a collapsed Soviet-era residential building.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said 20 sites in the capital were damaged, including homes, a school, a veterinary clinic and other civilian infrastructure. "As of now, we know that a total of 10 people have died in Kyiv as a result of the Russian massive attack," he said in his evening address. About 45 people were injured in the attack.

Russian attacks also wounded people in the southern regions of Odesa and Kherson, and in the eastern region of Kharkiv. "These are definitely not the actions of those who believe the war is coming to an end. It is important that partners do not remain silent," Zelensky said. Ukraine said it shot down 94% of all drones and 73% of the missiles. "The most difficult challenge is defending against ballistic missiles," he said. AFP

US jury awards $49.5m damages to Boeing 737 MAX crash victim's kin

New York: A US jury awarded $49.5 million in damages on Wednesday to the family of a 24-year-old American who died in a 2019 Boeing 737 MAX crash. The suit was brought by relatives of the deceased Samya Stumo. The Chicago jury, which deliberated from around two hours, found that "the total amount of damages suffered by Plaintiff is $49.5 million", according to documents.

Nearly all of the civil lawsuits around the crash had been settled out of court. In Stumo's case, however, her family had been unable to reach an agreement with Boeing ahead of the trial, which began on Monday. "We are deeply sorry to all who lost loved ones on Lion Air Flight 610 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302," Boeing said. The two crashes claimed 346 lives. Boeing acknowledged that anti-stall software was implicated in both accidents. AFP

41 people being monitored for hantavirus in US: CDC

Reuters

Cruise ship Ambition at the Port of Bordeaux in France

Washington: There are 41 people in the US currently being monitored for hantavirus, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Wednesday, most of whom should stay at home and avoid people during the 42-day monitoring period.

The 41 people come from three main groups, said Dr David Fitter, the incident manager for the CDC's hantavirus response. "First, passengers who were recently repatriated and are now in Nebraska and Emory. Second, passengers who had already left the ship and had already returned home before the outbreak was identified. And third, people who may have been exposed during travel, specifically on flights where a symptomatic case was present," Fitter said.

Meanwhile, France and the Netherlands said on Thursday that all cases under observation for hantavirus had tested negative. AGENCIES

Asymptomatic people exit norovirus-hit cruise ship in France

Passengers unaffected by an illness outbreak on a British cruise ship have been allowed off the ship in the French port city of Bordeaux, while authorities confirmed the cause of the outbreak is norovirus, a nasty stomach bug that spreads easily. French authorities had initially ordered over 1,700 passengers and crew on The Ambition cruise ship to remain on board, but then decided late Wednesday to let those asymptomatic disembark. AP

Senator wanted by ICC 'escapes' after Philippines senate chaos

Manila: A top Philippine politician wanted by the International Criminal Court was no longer taking refuge at the Senate after what his wife called an "escape", the senate president said on Thursday, a day after chaos erupted over his possible arrest.

Senator Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa, the former police chief and top enforcer of ex-President Rodrigo Duterte's bloody "war on drugs", is wanted for crimes against humanity and had been under the senate's protection since Monday. Gunshots were heard late on Wednesday inside the senate. His ally, senate president Alan Peter Cayetano, said on Thursday he was no longer there and read to reporters a text message that he said was from dela Rosa's wife, apologising for the turmoil that his presence had created. REUTERS

DAILY PLANET

Reuters

Children drive carts on a traffic safety training course set up in Gerardo Barrios Square in San Salvador, El Salvador, on Wednesday

Kouri Richins, author of a kid's book on grief, gets life for killing hubby

A Utah mother who published a children's book about grief after the death of her husband will serve a life sentence for his murder without the possibility of parole, a judge ruled Wednesday. Kouri Richins was convicted in March of aggravated murder for lacing her husband Eric Richins' cocktail with five times the lethal dose of fentanyl at their home near Park City in 2022. A jury also found her guilty of four other felonies, including insurance fraud, forgery and attempted murder for trying to poison her husband weeks earlier on Valentine's Day with a fentanyl-laced sandwich. Judge Richard Mrazik said Richins is "simply too dangerous to ever be free" when handing down the sentence on the day that her husband would have turned 44. Her attorneys said they will appeal the conviction and sentence. Richins has been adamant in maintaining she is innocent, saying Wednesday that the verdict was "an absolute lie."

Man 'running' China police outpost in NY convicted

A Bronx man was found guilty by a jury of acting as an unregistered foreign agent while running a "police station" in Manhattan's Chinatown at the direction of the Chinese govt. Jianwang "Harry" Lu, 64, was also convicted Wednesday in Brooklyn federal court of obstruction of justice. Prosecutors said it was the first criminal case of its kind. The most serious charge, obstruction, carries a maximum prison term of 20 years, the US said. No sentencing date has been set. Lu, a US citizen, remains free on bond. His lawyer said he'll challenge the verdict.

Tourist 'hurls' rock at head of Hawaiian monk seal, held

A tourist who drew widespread condemnation in Hawaii after a witness recorded him chucking a coconut-sized rock at "Lani," a beloved, endangered Hawaiian monk seal off a Maui beach, was arrested on Wednesday. Igor Mykhaylovych Lytvynchuk, 38, of Covington, Washington, is charged with harassing a protected animal, the US attorney's office in Honolulu said, adding that he was arrested near Seattle. He was scheduled to appear in in a court on Thursday.

Cuba runs out of fuel, plunging country into darkness and protests

AP

People watch as firefighters put out a barricade set up by residents protesting against prolonged power outages in Havana on Wednesday

Havana: Protests broke out across the Cuban capital of Havana on Wednesday evening as the city confronted its worst rolling blackouts in decades amid a US blockade that has starved the island of fuel. Crowds of hundreds of angry Cubans poured onto the streets in several outlying neighbourhoods, blocking roads with burning piles of rubbish, banging pots and shouting "Turn on the lights!" and "The people, united, will never be defeated!"

The shortages and blackouts have dramatically worsened since Jan when US President Trump, who has said he wants to oust Cuba's communist-run govt, imposed an embargo and threatened tariffs on any nation supplying the country with fuel.

Havana resident Rodolfo Alonso, shirtless and sweating, said he had decided to protest after his neighbourhood of Playa went for more than 40 hours without electricity. "I live in a community where there are lots of older people, many of them bed-ridden. Our food is spoiling," said Alonso, a state worker. "We started banging pots to see if they`d give us just three hours of electricity. That`s all we want. This is not a political problem."

Cuba's energy and mines minister Vicente de la O earlier on Wednesday said the nation had completely run out of diesel and fuel oil, and that its power grid had entered a "critical" state. "We have absolutely no fuel (oil), and absolutely no diesel," de la O said on state-run media. "We have no reserves." Blackouts have increased dramatically this week, with many districts of Havana without light for 20 to 22 hours a day, the minister said.

"Cuba is open to anyone that wants to sell us fuel," the minister said. Neither Mexico nor Venezuela have sent fuel to the island since Trump's order threatening tariffs. Only a single Russian-flagged oil tanker has delivered crude oil to Cuba since Dec, providing temporary relief in April. REUTERS

'Cuba ready to consider $100m US aid offer'

Cuba is open to reviewing a $100 million US aid proposal, Cuba's foreign minister Bruno Rodriguez said Thursday, as the island grapples with a severe energy shortage. "We are ready to hear the details of the proposal and how it would be implemented," Rodriguez said on X, a day after US secretary of state Marco Rubio renewed an offer to provide $100 million in aid with conditions. Speaking to Fox News host Sean Hannity on Wednesday, Rubio said that crisis-hit Cuba's leadership must change as the US renewed an offer of $100 million in aid if the communist-run island agrees to cooperate. "It's a broken, non-functional economy, and it's impossible to change it. I wish it were different," he said. AGENCIES

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Phase 3: Voter roll revision in K'taka begins on June 20

Enumeration From June 30; Final Rolls May Be Out By Oct 7

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Bengaluru/New Delhi: Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are among 16 states and three Union territories where Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will be taken up between May and Dec, Election Commission announced Thursday.

The exercise in Karnataka formally begins on June 20. Door-to-door enumeration by booth-level officers will be taken up from June 30 to July 29 in a month-long exercise.

Phase III of SIR, which will verify eligibility of a total 36.7 crore electors, will be carried out in a phased manner across Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Nagaland and Tripura, besides the three southern states. It will also include the UTs of Delhi, Chandigarh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (DNH & DD).

The qualifying date for Karnataka will be Oct 1. The final rolls are due to be published on Oct 7. Enumeration period — different schedule for different states — will extend from May 30 to Oct 14.

Among the states/UTs covered in the third phase, Maharashtra has the largest electorate (as of May 12, 2026) at 9.8 crore, followed by Karnataka at 5.5 crore.

The SIR schedule has been drawn up keeping in mind the Census 2027 and the common field machinery involved in SIR and the ongoing houselisting phase of Census. EC sources told **TOI** there shall be no change in methodology for SIR Phase-3. Rules and instructions remain the same as those followed in SIR Phase-2 that had covered 12 states and UTs.

SIR Phase-2 had seen net deletions of 10.2% electors, bringing down their combined electorate from nearly 51 crore to 45.8 crore.

▶ J&K, Ladakh later, P 8

DRAFT ROLLS TO BE OUT ON AUG 5

- **June 20:** Karnataka SIR begins
- **June 20–29:** Preparation, training for staff, printing of enumeration forms
- **June 30–July 29:** Door-to-door enumeration by booth-level officers
- **Aug 5:** Publication of draft rolls
- **Aug 5–Sept 4:** File claims, objections
- **Aug 5 to Oct 3:** Verification of objections and issuance of notices in disputed cases
- **Oct 7:** Publication of final electoral rolls

5,55,74,064	25,284	59,050
Total electors	Booth-level agents	Booth-level officers

Cong on booth vigil, BJP welcomes SIR

Alarmed by SIR impact on Bengal poll verdict, Congress in Karnataka has decided to keep a close watch on electoral roll revision starting in June, **reports Pearl D'Souza**. BJP has welcomed SIR, saying it will help identify 10 lakh 'illegal' migrants residing in Bengaluru. P 4

CM: No saffron shawls in edu institutions

Chief minister Siddaramaiah clarified that saffron shawls will not be permitted in educational institutions under the Karnataka govt's revised order. He said only items that are already in existence — including hijab, turban, rudraksha beads and sacred thread (janivara) — would be allowed up to Class 12. The clarification came a day after the state govt scrapped the BJP regime's 2022 hijab-ban order. P 4

PMLA case: ED arrests Kol DCP

Ending weeks of a cat-and-mouse game, ED arrested Kolkata Police deputy commissioner Santanu Sinha Biswas late Thursday in a money-laundering probe linked to fugitive criminal Sona Pappu and realtor Jai S Kamdar. TNN

SC: Present set-up lets govt pick CEC, ECs of its choice

'Min Won't Oppose PM; Need Neutral Member In Panel'

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New Delhi: Questioning the appointment process for chief election commissioner (CEC) and election commissioners (ECs) where a panel of the prime minister, a Cabinet minister and the leader of opposition, picks the candidate, Supreme Court on Thursday said the present system allows the govt to appoint a person of its choice as two out of three member would favour it.

Why this "show-off about independence" in the appointment process, the top court asked, saying an independent person should be made part of panel in place of a minister.

> The level of confidence must be to that degree (that it must appear) **as if there had been a third neutral person in the selection committee.** Why should it be a minister from the cabinet... —SC bench
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> If the court decides what the best manner to appoint election commissioners is, then **court enters the legislative arena** —Govt

Referring to SC's earlier direction that the panel should comprise the PM, CJI and LoP, a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma said it was not necessary the CJI be included but some independent person has to be part of it. No minister will oppose the PM, and the presence of the LoP would be ornamental, the bench said.

It said that when a CBI director is appointed by an independent panel of prime minister, CJI and LoP, then why should the same not be the practice for CEC/ECs which is more important as the institution is involved in upholding democracy and ensuring free and fair elections in the country.

Though attorney general K Venkataramani submitted that the neutrality and independence of CEC/ECs arise from their functioning after their appointment, the bench, however, said that it started from the appointment process itself. The court said that the poll panel should not only act as neutral but it should also appear neutral.

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Manipur killings trigger retaliatory abduction spree; 38 held hostage

Guwahati: At least 38 people from the Naga and Kuki-Zo communities were held hostage by rival groups at locations across Manipur's restive hill districts Thursday, a day after unidentified gunmen killed three church leaders in Kangpokpi district and a Chiru Naga tribesman in Noney district.

State home minister Govindas Konthoujam said 23 of the hostages were from Taphou Kuki village in Senapati district. By evening, two among the Kuki-Zo captives – an 18-year-old girl and an ailing 40-year-old man – and a Meitei resident were released and handed over to Senapati Police by Naga Village Guard. TNN

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EAM slams unilateral sanctions, says pressure can't replace diplomacy

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New Delhi: The Brics foreign ministers' meeting began Thursday with external affairs minister S Jaishankar denouncing "increasing resort" to unilateral coercive measures and sanctions inconsistent with international law and the UN Charter.

▶ Brics consensus on West Asia uncertain: Inside flap

Delivering India's national statement, he said such "unjustifiable" measures, which disproportionately affect developing nations, cannot substitute dialogue; pressure cannot replace diplomacy.

He underlined India's concerns over energy supply disruptions due to the Hormuz blockade, cross-border terror and UNSC reform, seeking Brics' solidarity at a time of unprecedented geopolitical and economic uncertainty.

▶ Continuing tensions, P 8

Indian dhow attacked, sinks; crew rescued

An Indian dhow sailing from Somalia to Sharjah sank after coming under attack in Omani waters early Wednesday. Govt sources said it wasn't clear who was responsible for the attack, which triggered a fire. All 14 crew members on board were rescued and are safe. Inside flap

After PM Modi's austerity call, K'taka guv trims convoy size to 4

Bengaluru: Karnataka governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot Thursday reduced the size of his official convoy to the minimum following PM Modi's call for austerity measures. According to Lok Bhavan sources, the governor's convoy fleet has been pruned from nine vehicles, including an ambulance, to four. Sources said the convoy clocks an average of 1,000km per month for the governor's official engagements.

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CM Siddaramaiah said reducing convoy size would have a temporary impact and wanted to know whether similar measures would be implemented uniformly across states. TNN

Man loses ₹22L to bury 40-year identity theft

Bengaluru: Move over, Bollywood. Here's a stunner of an identity-theft story. In 1982, a young man landed a job with Karnataka Electricity Board using a Class VII marks card found in a govt office. Bommegowda became Rachaiah, the owner of the marks card, on KEB service records, reports **Rajiv Kalkod.** The scam ran until 2019, when Rachaiah discovered someone had been using his credentials for decades. He confronted Bommegowda.

Village elders drew up a formula: Bommegowda had to pay Rachaiah Rs 3 lakh a year from 2019 to 2022 and full gratuity of Rs 10 lakh. The pact came unstuck when Rachaiah demanded equal share in monthly pension too. P 2

Woman gang-raped on private sleeper bus in Delhi; driver & conductor held

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New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested the driver and the conductor of a private sleeper bus for allegedly raping a 30-year-old woman inside the vehicle in west Delhi's Nangloi three days ago.

The woman, a mother of four children, lives with her family in a slum cluster near outer Delhi. In her statement before the court and police, she said that she was returning home after helping her brother around 12.15am on May 11 when the incident took place.

She claimed she was heading towards Madhuban Chowk and had reached near Saraswati Vihar bus stand when a private sleeper bus, with curtains drawn over the windows, approached her. The woman boarded the bus and found three men inside. One of them got down after some time. The remaining two, who have been accused, allegedly drove the bus towards a secluded area in Nangloi, at least 7km from where she was picked up.

'DISPUTE OVER MONEY'

- Police say **dispute** broke out between the woman and the accused **over money**
- Investigators say **examining all possible angles**, accused's version being cross-checked
- **Bus seized**; forensic tests have been completed

The woman alleged that both the accused sexually assaulted her inside the bus. The accused have, however, claimed that it was a monetary dispute and the cops said it was a matter of investigation.

The accused have been identified as Umesh, a resident of Agra, and Ramendra, from Hathras in UP. Both have been driving in Delhi for 5-6 years and used to take turns driving the bus, police said.

Investigators said an argument broke out between the woman and the accused allegedly over money. The woman first used Umesh's phone to ask Ramendra, who got out of the bus after some time, for money. When he refused, she used the phone to call the police and inform them about the alleged assault.

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BRICS consensus on W Asia uncertain as Iran, UAE spar

Foreign Mins' Meet Likely To End Without A Joint Statement

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LAVROV GETS EXCLUSIVE MEET WITH MODI: While BRICS foreign ministers and leaders of delegations jointly called on PM Narendra Modi, Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov got an exclusive meeting with the PM on Thursday. Iran's foreign minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi separately met NSA Ajit Doval

New Delhi: Talks for a BRICS foreign ministers' joint statement seemed balanced on a knife edge on the first day of the meeting, with a consensus on West Asia situation remaining uncertain. Diplomatic sources said efforts to find common ground between the UAE and Iran were continuing, even as the two countries held on to their positions and even clashed at the meeting.

While the UAE is seeking condemnation of Iran's actions, Iranian foreign minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi urged member-states to "explicitly condemn violations of international law by the US and Israel, including their aggression against Iran".

Araghchi accused the Arab country of being directly involved in aggression against Iran. This accusation came not while delivering Iran's national statement but in response to "unfounded" claims by UAE's junior foreign minister Khalifa Shaheen Al Marar, according to reports from Iran. "In fact, I must say that the UAE was directly involved in aggression against Iran. When the war of aggression began against Iran, they (UAE) refused to even condemn it," said Araghchi, accusing the UAE of providing military bases, airspace, land and facilities to the US and Israel.

Araghchi also raised the issue of Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu's "secret" trip to the UAE during the war, something which Abu Dhabi has denied.

The foreign ministers' meeting will end with the final session on Friday morning. If there is no consensus for a joint statement, the meeting would likely end with a Chair's statement, like what happened at a meeting of the special envoys last month.

Significantly, external affairs minister S Jaishankar stressed in his welcome remarks that it is essential for smooth advancement of BRICS that "later members" subscribe to the grouping's consensus on various issues.

CBI searches 3 cities, including B'luru, in case linked to RCom

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday conducted searches at seven locations across Mumbai, Gurugram and Bengaluru in connection with a case registered against Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCom), one of the companies under the Anil Ambani-led Reliance ADA Group.

The searches were carried out at the residential premises of the then chief executive officer (CEO), chief financial officer (CFO) and directors of the company who served during the 2015–2017 period. The raids were conducted on the basis of search warrants issued on May 14 by the special judge for CBI cases in Mumbai.

The agency said the searches led to seizure of incriminating documents and further investigation in the matter is underway.

Senior officials said that over the past few months, it has registered seven cases against the Reliance Group following complaints filed by various public sector banks and the Life Insurance Corporation of India. TNN

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Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and his convoy travel on bikes to the state assembly in Mumbai on Thursday morning

Austerity drive: Fadnavis on a bike

Times News Network

Mumbai: Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday morning rode a bike from his official residence Varsha to Vidhan Bhavan with IT minister Ashish Shelar riding pillion. The CM drove a Royal Enfield bike owned by the Mumbai police department. He security detail followed him closely on four other bikes.

A day earlier, Fadnavis had issued directives to reduce his convoy along with those of his ministers and had asked his colleagues and bureaucrats to travel by public transport, including the metro, at least once a week. He arrived on the bike to attend the swearing-in ceremony of 10 newly-elected MLCs. From Vidhan Bhavan, he drove to Mantralaya again on the bike.

"To ensure PM Modi's appeal reaches everyone, I have made this effort. From Wednesday, we have reduced the size of our convoy, and I have insisted to the police that it should be reduced it further," Fadnavis said.

Online gaming: ED raids B'luru, other locations, seizes assets worth ₹527cr

New Delhi: In two separate online gaming related cases, the ED on Thursday searched multiple locations in Delhi, Gujarat, MP, J&K and Bengaluru and arrested three directors of Gameskraft while seizing bank balance and other assets of the company worth over Rs 527 crore.

In the first case, searches were carried out in Delhi, Indore, Srinagar and Gujarat in an ongoing investigation in online gaming-linked alleged foreign exchange violation case against Zygarde Technologies Pvt Ltd. Some payment gateways are also under investigation that helped in alleged illegal transactions.

In the other case, the ED on Thursday arrested three directors of Gameskraft after a week-long search on the premises of the company and its officials in Bengaluru and in the national capital region. The three directors are Prithvi Raj Singh, Vikas Taneja and Deepak Singh Ahlawat, all accused of laundering proceeds of crime through investment in foreign entities. TNN

366 ships can't engage Indian seafarers now

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New Delhi: DG Shipping, the maritime regulator, Thursday prohibited 366 foreign-flagged vessels from engaging Indian seafarers as these are accused of abandoning sailors — through non-payment of wages, denial of compensation in death or missing cases, subjecting of crew members to undue hardships, and lack of assistance in repatriation.

This is a violation of national maritime regulations and international obligations, DG Shipping said while cautioning Recruitment and Placement Service Licence (RPSL) holders against placing seafarers on these vessels. It put 278 vessels in "restricted" category and 88 in "blacklisted" category.

Indian dhow attacked, sinks in Omani waters

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File pic of a boat in the waters of the Strait of Hormuz off Khasab in Oman's northern Musandam peninsula

New Delhi: Indian dhow — Haji Ali — sailing from Somalia to Sharjah in the UAE sank after coming under attack in Omani waters early Wednesday. Meanwhile, two more India-bound ships, carrying LPG, crossed the strife-hit Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, taking the total number of such vessels to 13.

The two ships are foreign-flagged vessels, the shipping ministry said on Thursday.

Describing the attack on the mechanised sailing vessel (MSV) as unacceptable, govt deplored the fact that commercial shipping and civilian mariners continue to be targeted. The external affairs ministry said India reiterates that targeting commercial shipping and endangering innocent civilian crew members, or otherwise impeding freedom of navigation and commerce, should be avoided.

Govt sources said it wasn't clear yet who was responsible for the attack. Mukesh Mangal, additional secretary in shipping ministry said the attack on the dhow led to a fire and subsequent sinking of the vessel. "All 14 crew members onboard were rescued by Omani Coast Guard and have reached port of Dibba in Oman. The crew is reported to be safe and necessary formalities with local authorities have been completed," he added. Dhows carry cargo and are not regulated as big vessels, the official said.

Shipping ministry officials said the Marshall Islands-flagged LPG carrier Symi transited through the strait on Wednesday evening and it is proceeding with 21 crew members. It is carrying 19,965 tonnes of LPG and is estimated to reach Deen Dayal port, Kandla, on Saturday.

'Poor show': 213 IAS trainees took retests during 2020-'26

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Agra: As many as 213 IAS officer trainees from multiple batches at Mussoorie-based Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) had to reappear for exams during training between 2020 and 2026 due to "poor performance" in various assessments, according to data obtained under the RTI Act.

The data showed that 1,079 IAS officer trainees underwent training at the academy between Jan 1, 2020, and Jan 1, 2026.

Among the cadres, AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and UTs) recorded the highest number of officer trainees who reappeared for examinations at 21, followed by TN with 18 and UP 16. It was followed by Bihar and WB at 15, MP with 14, Odisha 13, Maharashtra 12 and Gujarat 11, among others.

Regarding cheating cases and the use of unfair means during exams at the academy, the academy stated that "no IAS probationer was found during the period under review".

A serving chief development officer (CDO) told **TOI**: "Reappearing in exams should not necessarily be viewed negatively, as the academy continuously evaluates officer trainees on multiple parameters to ensure they are prepared for real-world responsibilities."

DU to Stephen's: Stall principal appointment as rules were flouted

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New Delhi: In a fresh flashpoint with St Stephen's College, Delhi University has asked the college to stall the appointment of **Susan Elias** as principal — days after she was named as the first woman to head the 145-year-old college — citing violation of norms.

In a letter to the college's governing body chairman Thursday, DU said the appointment process did not comply with University Grants Commission's 2018 regulations, making the recommendation "untenable". The college was asked not to proceed with the June 1 joining.

DU noted that for the appointment, the varsity "hasn't been requested for nomination of experts" as required under clause 5 of 2018 UGC rules, particularly the inclusion of vice-chancellor's nominees in the selection committee.

"It appears that the selection committee... has not been constituted in accordance with provisions," the registrar wrote, adding that "the recommendations of such a committee cannot be implemented."

DU told the college to "not proceed with appointment of new principal", and instead "convene a meeting of the selection committee".

TOI reached out to Susan Elias but did not get a response. It's not clear whether the college would proceed with the appointment.